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Reading at	
10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1005.8 1000.9 m.b.
Equale	29.85 29.56 inches
Rel. Humidity	87 77 %
Dew Point	77 79 deg. F.
Wind: Direction	W WSW
Wind Force	13 12 knots.
Tides:—	
High	1:44 2.4
Low	9:09 0.3
	1:29 0.8

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MACKINTOSH APPLICATION HEARING RESUMED

TOC H TALK

The guest speaker at the meeting of ToC H this evening is the Reverend G. Watt-Lipscombe, S.C.F.

ToC H meets at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road at 7.45 p.m. for supper. Men not wishing to have supper are invited to attend at 8.30 p.m.



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At yesterday's resumed hearing of the application by Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited for an eviction order against Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach (Mayo's Shoppe) in respect of Shop 7C Alexandra Building, Mr. D. L. Straloff, sitting as a Magistrate in Tenancy Tribunal "A" at the Supreme Court, held that the opponents had a case to answer on two out of six submissions put forward by Mr. B. A. Bernocchi.

Mr. Straloff also held that it was possible, on the evidence, to hold that Mackintosh's returned to the Colony in 1946.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is appearing for the applicants, Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited.

The opponents, Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach, are represented by Mr. Bernocchi, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kim of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

No Authority

(3) In any event, Section 18 (1) did not apply to circumstances in this case, even allowing points (1) and (2) against opponents.

(4) That Section 18 (1) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance could not be said to apply to a limited company.

(5) That Section 18 (1) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance could not be said to apply to a limited company.

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Schoolboy's Death By Misadventure

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned by a jury of three women at Central Magistracy yesterday when an inquiry was conducted by Inspector Danbrowsky into the death of a 12-year-old schoolboy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Yip Chun-sun, of the China Motor Bus Company Garage, Whitfield Street, ground floor, said he was working at about 8.30 a.m. on May 21 when he saw that the verandah of No. 24, Whitfield Street, had collapsed. Five boys had fallen with the debris.

Witness said that when he failed to contact police on the phone he drove a bus to the station.

Dr. H. K. Kong of Queen Mary Hospital informed the Court that the boy suffered a fractured pelvis and right femur and internal haemorrhage with shock. Death was due to these injuries.

Pak Wai-yin, headmistress of the Ng Yuk School, which occupied the premises, told the Court that the house was taken over on Oct. 7, 1946, as a branch of the head school. The building as far as she knew had been renovated and there was no sign of danger.

mutual agreement that they, the opponents, would vacate the premises on the return of Mackintosh's and there was no evidence at all of such an agreement on their part.

(6) That the opponents could not be brought within Section 18 (1) in that they became tenants of the premises prior to Aug. 10, 1945.

At subsequent hearings, Mr. Wright dealt with the submissions categorically and at the last hearing, on conclusion of Mr. Wright's arguments, Mr. Bernocchi asked for an opportunity to reply. This application was granted and the reply was contained in a number of typed notes.

Fuller Consideration

Mr. Straloff had not had time to deal with these notes fully, he announced yesterday that he would only be prepared to deal with submissions 1, 2, 3 (a), (b), (c) and (d) and submission 6. Mr. Straloff said that in view of Mr. Bernocchi's reply, submissions (4) and (5) would require further and fuller consideration.

In the course of a lengthy decision, Mr. Straloff held that a limited company could come within the provisions of Section 18 (1) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance and that having regard to the circumstances existing at the time, namely, the state of suspension in which a number of companies had been forced by virtue of the Occupation, it was possible, on the evidence before the Tribunal, to hold that Mackintosh's returned to the Colony in 1946.

Mr. Straloff reserved his decision on submissions (4) and (5). Hearing was adjourned until Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

BOAC'S BIG ATLANTIC TRAFFIC

Figures just released by the Civil Aeronautics Board of America show that BOAC carried the greatest number of passengers per plane across the North Atlantic for the latter half of 1947. In these six months BOAC's average per aircraft was 28.3 passengers, whereas the average for the U.S. Atlantic operators was 24.19, and that of all carriers except the U.S. lines 25.02.

Present advance bookings indicate that passenger traffic on BOAC's services across the Atlantic this year will exceed that of 1947.

That morning she was on the verandah for some time, and no sooner had she sat down in the hall downstairs after coming down when she heard a cracking noise. She rushed out to find that some pupils had fallen down.

Fourteen-year-old Chan Shu, one of the five boys on the verandah when it collapsed, said that they did not jump or move about too much. All of them were sitting quietly when suddenly the porch collapsed, bringing them down. He recovered consciousness in Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr. C. L. Rocha, an Inspector of Works, said that when he examined the scene he found that the structure was of the old type, but the iron supports were "fair" and the building had been repaired. There were external signs of danger.

Chung Fook-chi, garage apprentice, corroborated evidence given by Yip. Chung said he helped the boys to safety until the ambulance arrived.

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BY ALEX RAYMOND



CORRESPONDENCE

Hotel Rates

Sir—"Straight Guy's" letter makes interesting reading, but, I note he omitted to state the name of HIS boarding house. Having been in this Colony for the past twelve months, I am still looking for a Boarding House Manager who has satisfied permanent guests at reasonable rates. Maybe "Straight Guy" would like to send me his card.

At the accommodation "hunt" expected to shed tears for poor "Straight Guy?" I don't think so.

STRAIGHT JACKET.

And Again

Sir—The Quartering Authorities are to be congratulated in their proposed action as outlined in your edition of the 6th inst. It is a well known fact that "two rates" prevail in most hotels and boarding houses in this Colony today, one for the old residents, i.e. those fortunate enough to obtain accommodation before December, last, and another rate for the new "debtors" who are now forced to take rooms at a 50% increase above prevailing rates last December.

It is hoped however that the Quartering Authorities will, during this "battle" for better and cheaper living conditions, make the penalties so drastic, that hotel and boarding house keepers have to think twice before they dare charge excess rentals etc.

I would suggest that during this "battle," all boarding house and hotel keepers try to submit to the Quartering Authorities a weekly list of vacant accommodation. Members of the public, could, upon experiencing any difficulty in obtaining suitable accommodation, apply to the Quartering Authorities for a "Bidding Docket," a rule which was in force here two years ago.

Furthermore, every resident now staying at hotels and boarding houses should be requested to submit to the proper Authorities, a complete detailed list of present day charges which would expose some of today's existing rackets.

It is to be hoped that the second operation of this "battle" will soon commence and that the Authorities will, in the very near future, go "all out" with a view of eliminating the "key money" ramp and the "requestion" of all empty flats and houses.

If strong action is taken on the suggestions outlined above, cost of living will come down and the general public will feel that they are getting a fair deal at last.

RIP VAN WINKLE.

Good Joss

Sir—Just about the time you were established, two Chinese idols of stone were erected in our Race Course, the old Muddy Flats. Some years ago, these were transported to Bunting Walk Road on the pavement. Recently the statues received embellishment, getting a "new look" to the tune of \$4 billion (not very much when you consider the currency). This dolling up was paid to propitiate the stone gods by one who used to offer frankincense, and myrrh, and assorted red candles, and who, in the last draw, won one of those famous Shanghai lottery houses.

The Municipal meeting on June 4 decided that something must be done to take away from the gods which were causing interference with traffic. However, one bureau passed the job to another, just like a prolonged rally at Hal-Atai. Nobody wants to offend the deity, although everybody agrees it is sheer superstition, and it looks as if these stone images will remain until water flows once again into the Bubbling-Well.

Shanghai, June 5.

J.C. de B.

Big-Shots

Sir—Patrolmen did not enter into the motives of those who remained or ran away from Hong Kong. The enemy occupied according to F.S. under "Make Him Sick." It was either the sense of fear or the resignation to fatalism.

What about those who remained made huge fortunes to pay off their pre-war debts and buy a couple of nice houses with their military scrip?

These are the big-shots who now claim that they were so patriotic that the proposed Debtor-Creditor Bill is not good enough for sanctioning their ill-gotten wealth. The them have to pay for their ill-gotten investments no matter who lost the war.

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Government has been hasty in placing the proposed Bill before the Legislature. The Bill is ill-conceived in equity and has no basis in law. It is not a compromise at all. It is a measure aimed at shifting the losses incurred by the Banks and companies to those of the Debtors. And to add insult to injury provision is made for the payment of interest to Banks during the occupation period when there cannot be the smallest application of the doctrine of "force majeure" which is the legal basis of the obligation to pay and the right to receive interest in respect to a debt.

The assertion of the article legalising the receipt of interest by the Bank at 2% per annum for the occupation period is an affront to the intelligence and conscience of the Legislature before which the Bill has been brought for consideration before it is passed into Law.

It is not too late for Government to listen to the complaints of the Debtors so that the final measure would really be a compromise instead of what it is today, a cut and dried imposition upon a community which in loyalty to the Crown and the Empire endured greater sufferings during the last war than any other part of the British Empire save England herself.

Bottom Score?

Sir—In your bridge column on Tuesday, Mr. Barclay stated that Mr. Cyrus B. Austin of New York was the only one in a duplicate game that managed to make 5 clubs. I think Mr. Austin should be given a bottom score on that hand instead of the top as he did for the very simple reason that he used 5 trump cards when he played the hand but he actually held only 5—he must have used one of them twice hence the W-E partnership were entitled to call for a revoke.

As Mr. Barclay described it, the declarer trumped the opening Spade Ace lead, then he led the Ace and Queen of Trumps. Later on, he led the trump 2 to finesse West's 10 and again trumped a spade with the trump 2 and now he led the club 4 to the Jack to clear West's 10 claiming the trick of the tricks. I do like to know with what card did Mr. Austin trump the opening Spade Ace lead?

Now it is possible that Mr. Austin did make 5 club when West made a mistake of returning the spade 4 after he overtook Declarer's Club Queen with the King but with the method Mr. Barclay described—it is impossible to make 5 clubs.

F.K.L.

Embarrassed

Sir, Having caused me some embarrassment by publishing a letter I had hoped only to be forwarded by you to the Dept. concerned, I hope you will do the justice of correcting one word. I wrote life belts attached to lines—not lifeboats. The idea being that a man on such a life line could allow himself to be swept off his feet attempting to reach the swimmer in distress, confident that should his strength or courage fail, he could always be returned to shore by those holding the rope. These belts could be obtained cheaply, there must be some lying in ship-breaker's yards that would be volunteered to use any time and energy collecting odd dollars people might volunteer. I did not presume to set myself up as a private Lifeline Society, such as would be necessary for the building and equipping of costly lifeboats.

The existing one was worse than useless under the conditions. Thank you for your assurance that the men are alive and well.

Thriller

Sir—Your correspondent "Marie Grace" should try her hand at writing a Thriller. Reading her letter in the "China Mail" I really thought I was reading an extract from "Peter Cheney's latest."

My family and I were at Shek-O from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., we heard many screams—screams of joy—people enjoying the thrill of the waves breaking on them. What did rather damp our spirits was the fact that a few very irresponsible and indifferent swimmers were taking unnecessary risks, thereby not only endangering their own lives, but the lives of their rescuers. That in my opinion is criminal.

It was obvious when entering the water that the undercurrent was very strong, therefore people with common sense did not venture too far out, unless of course they were very strong swimmers.

I do hope your correspondent has now managed to shut the terrible screams out of her ears. To be perfectly honest, I did not hear any screams. I was in the vicinity of the swimmers in trouble. I did hear a couple of very faint shouts for help, but no blood curdling screams.

In my opinion your correspondent owes the Beach Inspectors an apology, they are neither stupid nor criminal, they are "Beach Inspectors" not "Life Guards."

In conclusion I would say that the people who should have a thorough reprimand are the individuals, who by their foolhardy actions endangered their own and other people's lives. Their action was criminal to say the least.

C. H. LLOYD.

FOOD AND FUEL INDEX

Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending June 5:
Rice & Flour 7.2 cattles \$3.1180
Vegetables 1.9 " 7080
Salt Cabbage 2 " 2000
Oil 2 " 15820
Tia 2 " 5600
Salt Fish 3 " 3700
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STAGE CLUB MEETING

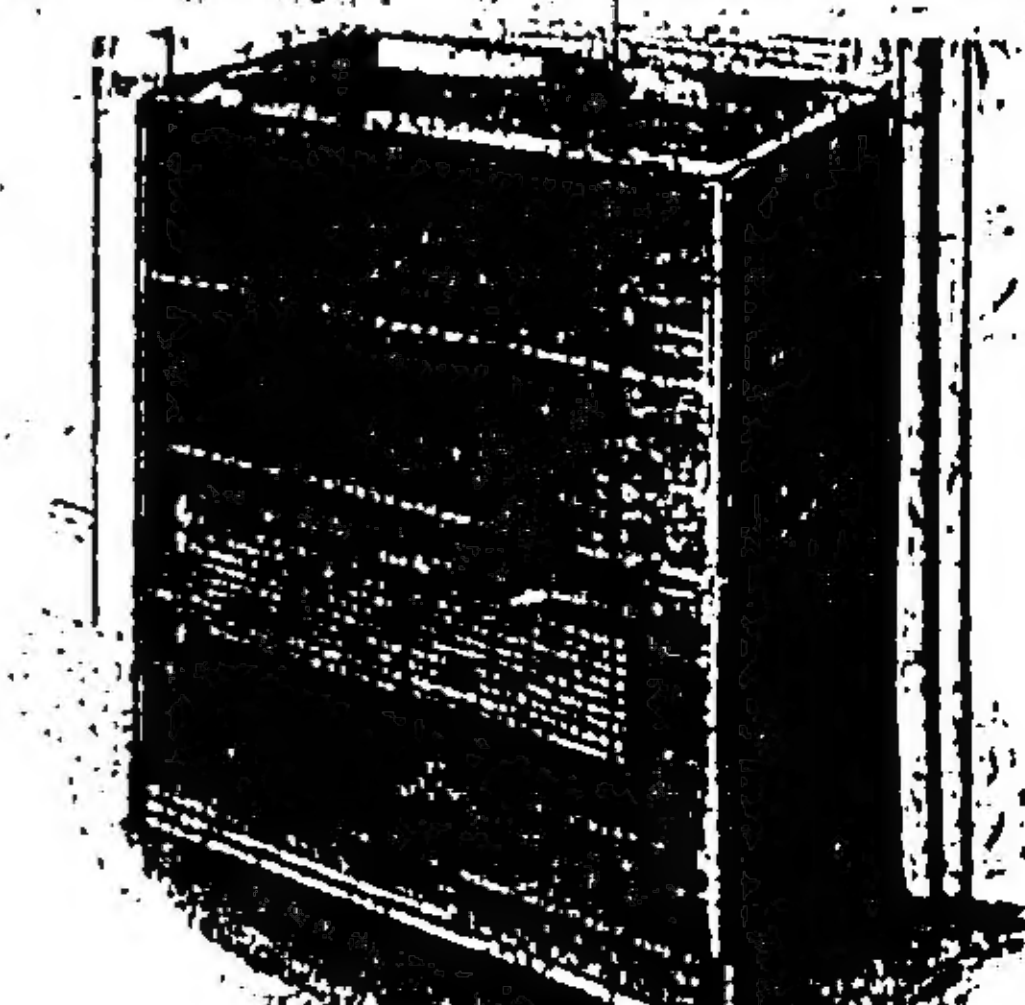
To-night at 8.30 there will be another Stage Club casting meeting at the Majestics to discuss the play by a local author, Nigel Lynton, whose thriller "Who'll buy my corpse?" was performed last year. There are several interesting character parts to be cast; four male and three female. The play should appeal to those who would like to take part in something rather different from recent productions. "New voices" are particularly welcome.

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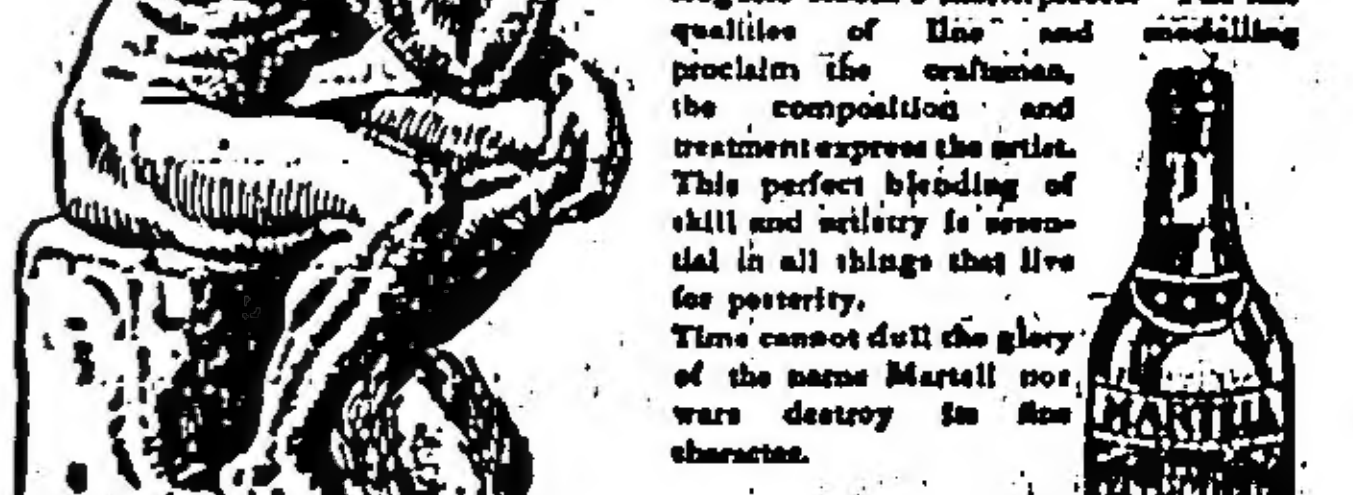
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To elect Auditors.

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GEORGE McBAIN, General Agents, Hongkong, 4th June, 1948.

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H. DA LUZ, Secretary, Hong Kong, 7th June, 1948.

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4. Future Policy.
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Berlin, June 7. - The Soviet Union is expected to issue within 24 hours a strongly worded refusal to recognise any of the six-power London decisions on the future of Western Germany announced today. Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the Russian Military Governor in Germany, and his advisers, after a day-long discussion of the plan, decided today that future four-power cooperation on Germany was out of the question, according to German political circles.

Meeting at the Marshall's headquarters in the Russian sector of Berlin, they were reported to have agreed that the London decisions nullified all previous agreements on Germany.

The Soviet-sponsored German "People's Council" - a permanent 400-member Committee of the "People's Congress" - has been called for July 2, Leipzig Radio said today after announcing the London communiqué.

The question of four-power cooperation on Germany was the theme of the prolonged discussions between the Russian Military Governor and his advisers, circles close to the Russian Military Administration said tonight.

German Protest

The British, American and French Commanders sent copies of the London six-power communiqué on Germany to the Marshall early today. The Russian commandant immediately called a meeting of his advisers for a discussion of the communiqué. Marshal Sokolovsky also discussed with his advisers the question of calling a meeting of the Allied Control Council.

The People's Council of the German People's Congress in Berlin issued tonight what is

described as "a solemn protest against the recommendations of the London six-power Conference for the formation of a Western German state."

The London Conference recommendations were "the first steps towards the splitting of Germany," the protest declared. "Not a single word is mentioned of a peace treaty for the German people."

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"The Ruhr, Germany's economic centre, will be taken out of the German economy and put under unlimited foreign control in order to use its productive powers, not for the German people, but for the interests of the Western bloc."

"The Central Committee of the German People's Council solemnly states that the realisation of these recommendations would constitute a breach of agreements bound by international law."

"The London recommendations are a brutal violation of the natural basic right of the German people to self-government. No German authorities have taken heart from these recommendations."

"Three years after the end of the war, the intention to extinguish German sovereignty and unity is apparent." - Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH TALKS

Paris, June 7.

Mr. James Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance, and Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, saw a number of leading French Socialists today and discussed international questions with the veteran Socialist statesman, M. Leon Blum.

The talks remove all pretence that the two British politicians had come to Paris merely to discuss "domestic party questions."

Mr. Griffiths arrived here from London on Sunday night and Mr. Phillips from Vienna.

Mr. Griffiths' talk with M. Blum will, it is learned, enable the British Minister to report confidentially to Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, on the reaction of French public opinion to the six-power London recommendations for Germany.

Although no details of the talks between the British and French leaders are yet available tonight, French Socialist Party headquarters do not hide the fact that the talks covered all current international questions affecting Britain and France, including Germany and Palestine.

Further talks between the two Labour Party leaders and French Socialists are planned for tomorrow when they will attend a dinner with leading Socialist Party leaders.

It is believed here that the talks will concentrate on the setting up in Paris of an Anglo-French Socialist centre to deal with the working of the Marshall aid plan and to promote co-operation between European Socialist parties. - Reuter.

REPATRIATION FROM RUSSIA

Tokyo, June 8.

Russia permitted 15,363 more Japanese to return home last week from the Soviet areas in which they have been bottled up since the war's end.

It was the largest group in any week since repatriation from the Russian areas was resumed early in May, SCAAP said today.

They were: 12,009 from Siberia, 1,584 from Manchuria, and 1,770 from Sakhalin and the Kuriles. Included were more than 11,000 former Japanese Army personnel, 50 former naval personnel and some 3,600 civilians. - Associated Press.

LONDON SHOPPERS GET A BREAK

London, June 7.

Impatient shoppers, including many men who usually leave the standing in line to their wives, lined up today to buy in the first cloth sale they had in years.

One big West End store manager said: "We have not been so busy since Christmas."

Women were buying their first curtain in years in what the stores called "half price, half coupon sales."

The sales mean a lot to the English. Up to now they have been getting only what clothing the 26 coupons every seven or eight months would buy. When you consider a raincoat costs 16 to 18 coupons, men's suits 20, a dress 10 and that all articles, clothing and nearly all fabrics are rationed, you can see things have been tough.

In addition, the Government ten days ago granted a bonus of 12 coupons to everyone. These extra coupons were held generally until today when the half price half coupon sales started. - United Press.

MacDonald In Canton

Canton, June 8.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South East Asia, arrived here by BOAC Speedbird this morning on a private visit to Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung.

Dr. Soong personally met the distinguished visitor at the airport. Others awaiting Mr. MacDonald's arrival were Mayor Aungmye Chit and the British Acting Consul General, Mr. Kenneth Blackwell.

After inspecting a guard of honour, Commissioner-General MacDonald left for Dr. Soong's residence where he will stay overnight.

Mr. MacDonald, who was accompanied by a private secretary and Mr. C.B.B. Heathcote-Smith, Political Adviser to the Hong Kong Government, will return to Hong Kong tomorrow morning en route to Nanking, where he is scheduled to stay three days. The object of Mr. MacDonald's visit - his first to China - is to meet Chinese leaders and to acquaint himself with the China situation. Reuters learned. - Reuter.

Australian Mission Snubbed

Singapore, June 7.

The Left Wing Malaysian Nationalist Party snubbed the Australian goodwill mission to Southeast Asia today.

Taha Kulu, the party chairman, flatly refused an invitation to meet with W. MacMahon Ball, the leader of the Australian mission.

Two other Asian leaders - Yap Pheng Geck, President of the Straits Chinese British Association and Inche Sardon bin Jubir, President of the Right Wing Malaya Union - told MacMahon Ball the White Australia policy has caused distrust of Australia in Southeast Asia.

Australia sent the goodwill mission after the expulsion of a number of Malays, Chinese and Indonesians from Australia under the White Australia policy resulted in a wave of anti-Australian feeling in the Far East. - Associated Press.

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SIGNIFICANT SOVIET BID FOR PALESTINE ARMY OBSERVERS SECURITY BODY GETS SURPRISE

Lake Success, June 7.

Russia made her first open bid today to send military observers into Palestine.

Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, told the United Nations Security Council he had heard that governments on the Council's Truce Commission had been asked to supply observers. They are the United States, Belgium and France.

He said that Russia is ready to send her observers also.

Gromyko thus brought into the open for the first time a question which has troubled several powers in the UN ever since the Palestine question arose. It is this: Can the United Nations stop the fighting in Palestine by force without having to include Red Army troops?

Surprised Security Council delegates promptly put off talk about observers until Thursday afternoon at least. Then they called their home governments for instructions.

U.S. Approached

Gromyko said the Council resolution setting up the mediation attempt did not state clearly how observers would be chosen. He said Russia could not accept any theory that the mere fact these three governments were on the Truce Commission gave them the right to send military observers to Palestine.

Dr. Philip Jessup, new US deputy on the Council, said the mediator had approached Washington and that the US had said it would send observers if desired.

Alexandre Parodi of France said France also had been approached and was studying the question.

Fernand van Longenhove of Belgium said the Brussels Government was approached and had agreed in principle to the proposition.

Soviet Statement

Gromyko said Russia is prepared to send military observers along with other directly interested countries. He did not mention

any other countries at this session.

In a special statement to reporters, the Soviet delegation to the United Nations said "It is reported that the United Nations mediator in Palestine and the Truce Commission are expecting military observers who have to be used in accordance with the resolution of the Security Council."

"The Soviet delegation considers it necessary to state that the U.S.S.R. is ready to send her observers as well, together with the observers of some other directly interested countries," Associated Press.

SOCIALIST GAINS IN LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg, June 7.

Unofficial returns in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Parliamentary elections held on Sunday show the Socialist Party gained three seats from Social-Christians (Rightist-Catholics). The political composition of Parliament remains otherwise unchanged.

The poll was for the election of 26 of Luxembourg's 51 Deputies. Parliament consists only of the Deputies Chamber, half of whose members are elected every three years.

The results of Sunday's voting gave the Christian Socialists nine seats, Socialists 11, Communists four, Democratic group three and Independent one on the basis of the unofficial returns. Parliament will now be made up as follows: (second figure is party strengths before the elections).

Christian Socialists	24	(25)
Socialists	14	(11)
Democratic Group	9	(9)
Communists	5	(5)
Independence	1	(1)

No immediate change is expected in the Government of Premier Pierre Dupong, leader of the Social Christians which is a coalition of four Social Christians and three members of the Democratic Group.

Dupong and Foreign Minister Joseph Bech topped the poll in their electoral districts. The official results are not expected before Tuesday night.—Associated Press.

CREDIT FOR JAPAN

Washington, June 7.

A bill authorizing a US\$150,000,000 fund to purchase raw fibers in this country for Japanese and German textile mills was approved today by the House Armed Services Committee. It has passed the Senate.

The fund would buy cotton, wool and other fibers in the U.S. The raw materials, plus starch, dyes, roller leather and carding cloth, would go to mills in occupied areas of Japan and Europe. Finished goods would be sold in regular trade channels of those countries, and the fund would be repaid.—Associated Press.

SWEDEN'S REPARATION

London, June 7.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, said today Sweden had reiterated that the right to allocate German assets in Sweden rested ultimately with the Swedish Government.

Mr. Mayhew was answering a Parliamentary question on whether the Swedish Government has replied to the representations made on behalf of the Inter-Allied Reparations Agency.

He added that Sweden mentioned that in the proposals which she had already made she had gone as far as she could to meet the Agency's requirements.

The Swedish reply was being considered by the Agency.—Reuters.

JAP STRIKE CALLED OFF

Tokyo, June 8.

The strike of the all-Japan Railway Workers Union scheduled to begin on June 18 was called off last night through mediation of the Government's Central Labour Relations Board.

The planned strike would have stranded approximately one million office workers in the nation's large cities. Labour and management agreed to accept a compromise plan offered by the Central Labour Relations Board.—Reuters.

Missionary Beheaded

Vatican City, June 7.

Word has been received in the Vatican City of the beheading of Father Clemente Indiat, Altor of the Paris Foreign Missions by the Viet Nam at Chapa, Indochina. According to scanty information received the priest was beheaded on May 18, in the church of Chapa, which he directed.

His death brings to 15 the total of priests of the Paris Foreign Missions killed during the past five years in Indochina.—Associated Press.

MELCHIOR IN BRITAIN

London, June 8.

Wagnerian tenor Lauritz Melchior, Royal Singer to the Court of Denmark, will make his first appearance in Britain since 1939 at the Sheffield City Hall today. Melchior plans to give 12 recitals in this country, three of them in London and the rest in the provinces.—Associated Press.

DEATH PENALTY DILEMMA

London, June 7.

The Government has been compelled, by sheer weight of public opinion, to compromise as a way out of its dilemma over the "no hanging" Bill, it was believed here today.

Government leaders are expected to tell the Parliamentary Labour Party on Wednesday that the Cabinet can no longer fully support the motion of the House of Commons—favouring the insertion against Home Office advice—of a clause abolishing the death penalty for the Criminal Justice Bill.

The House of Lords, throwing out the clause by a six to one majority, interpreted much more accurately what is now seen to be the nation's feeling on the subject.

The Government is likely to propose a compromise between those who want to abolish the death penalty and those who would keep it, by recommending that it should be retained only for exceptionally brutal murders, such as the murder of children.—Reuters.

MOUNTBATTEN TERM NEARS END

New Delhi, June 7.

With only two weeks left before he relinquishes office as Governor-General of India, Lord Louis Mountbatten today took an active part in trying to reach a successful conclusion to the 10-months old negotiations between India and Hyderabad. Lord Louis today met a five-man Hyderabad delegation and later conferred alone for two hours with Liaqat Ali Khan, Hyderabad Prime Minister. Tonight he received V. P. Menon, Department Secretary of State.—Associated Press.

New Job For Lord Henderson

London, June 7.

Lord Henderson has been appointed an additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office and among his tasks will be to help to administer the British Zones of Germany and Austria.

Lord Henderson, son of the late Mr. Arthur Henderson, a former Labour Foreign Secretary, is a Socialist and a political writer of long standing.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1923 and again in 1929. During the war, Lord Henderson was personal assistant to Mr. Arthur Greenwood, then a member of the War Cabinet.

After the Labour Party's victory in 1945, he was made a peer and moved to the House of Lords.

Lord Henderson's appointment will make available an additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State to assist in tasks connected with the occupation of Austria and Germany.

Lord Henderson will now give up his honorary title of "Lord-in-Waiting" which involves personal attendance on the Sovereign.—Reuters.

STRIKE IN FRENCH ZONE

Mannheim, June 7.

Protesting "bad food conditions," 35,000 workers left their jobs at Ludwigshafen in the French zone of Germany today.

This was the first large post-war walk-out in that industrial city. French zone ration is 1,400 calories daily, compared with 1,600 in the Anglo-American zone.—Associated Press.

EASTS' NEED FOR CAPITAL GOODS

Ootacamund, June 7.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) Committee on Industrial Development today endorsed the Industrial Working Party's view that there is an urgent need to import capital goods and basic materials from more advanced countries.

The Committee also supported the Working Party's view on appeals for assistance for capital goods to meet the needs of the region, and instructed the Secretariat to explore the possibility of devising suitable international measures to facilitate the supply of such goods.

The Committee requested all member countries to specify separately their short and long term industrialisation needs.

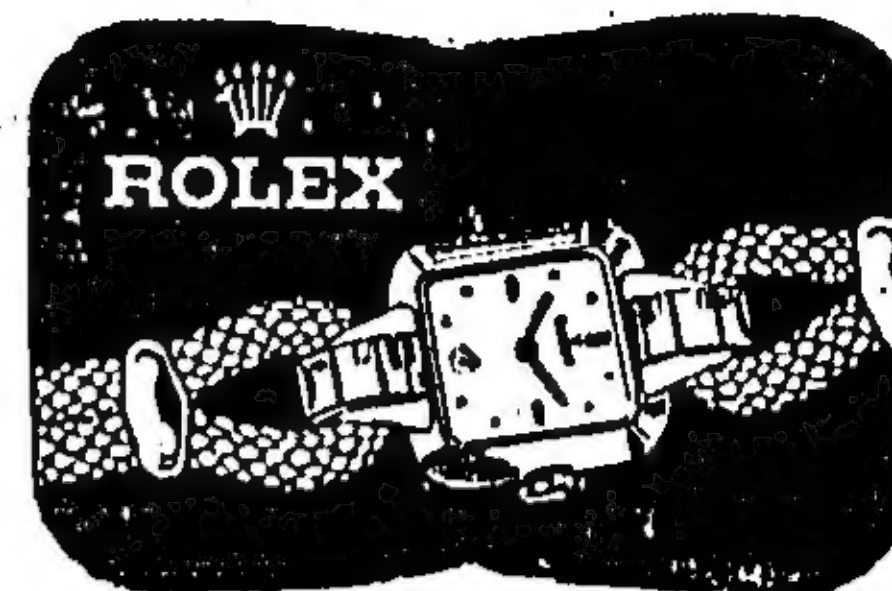
A six-point resolution adopted today by the Trade Promotion Committee called for the establishment of a trade promotion section within ECAFE, the Secretariat to carry out research and investigation of the work of this section next year, and the promotion of intra-regional trade.

The Committee recommended that Governments in the ECAFE region give immediate consideration to the possibility of entering into working agreements with Japan to utilise her industrial capacity within limits permitted by the Far Eastern Commission and the peace settlement yet to be concluded.

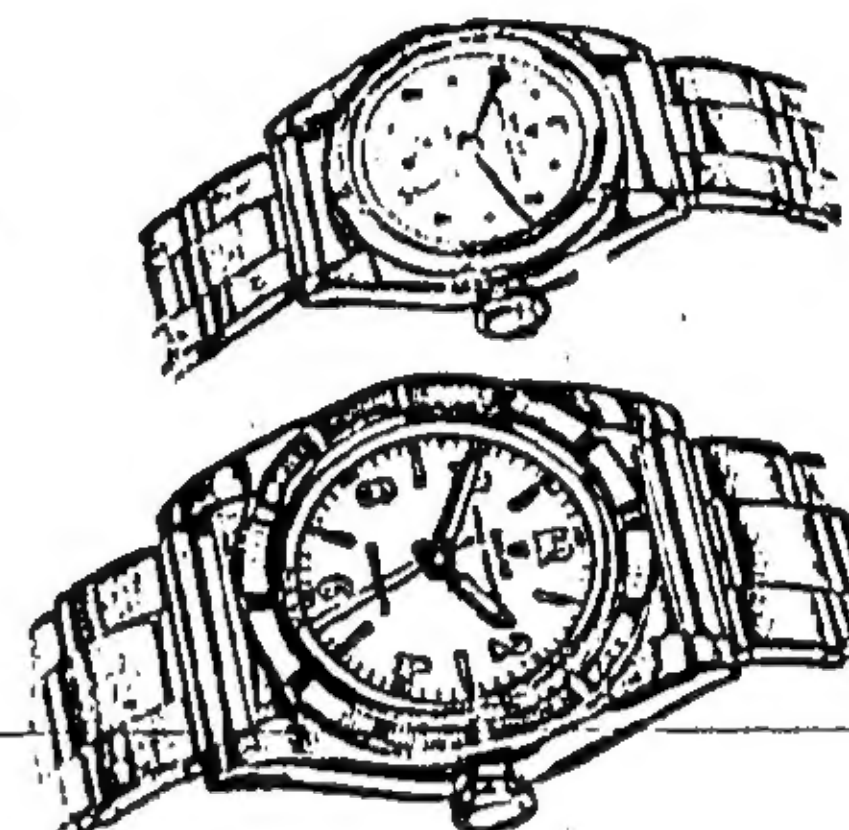
The Committee also recommended that a working party be set up to study questions arising from the utilisation of Japan's present industrial capacity. An investigation over the desirability of adopting special financial arrangements (proposed by the Philippines) and an ECAFE undertaking to study jute, silk and oilseeds were among other resolutions adopted today.—Associated Press.

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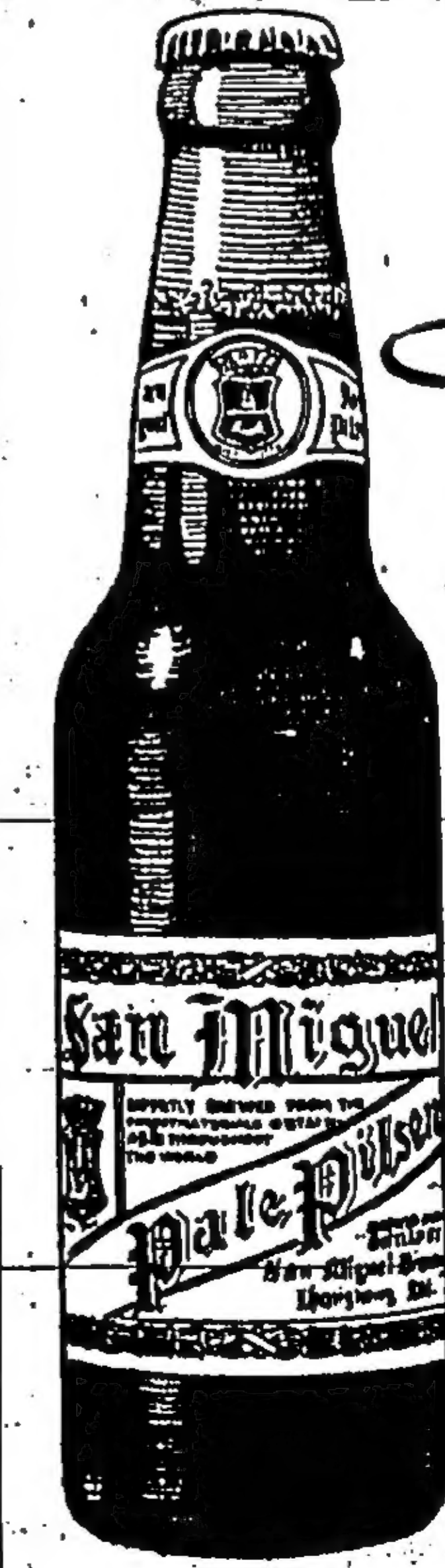
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BENES RESIGNATION WAS POLITICAL

New Constitution Left Unsigned By President

GOTTWALD EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER PRESIDENCY

Prague, June 7.

The resignation today of Dr. Eduard Benes, 64-year-old President and co-founder of the Czechoslovak Republic, took place 24 hours before the "deadline" for the promulgation of Czechoslovakia's new Constitution.

In his letter of resignation, he pronounced this benediction on his country: "Let all live and work in tolerance, love and forgiveness, allowing freedom to others and enjoying freedom themselves."

He gave as his reasons his poor health and "the problems of the whole political situation."

Dr. Benes is reported to have left unsigned the new Constitution—establishing a "People's Democratic Republic"—which was put into his hands 29 days ago.

The Constitution, in its final form, was completed after the Communist coup d'état last February. A special committee had been drafting it for two years.

Dr. Benes disclosed that he first indicated his intention to resign on May 4—five days before the new Constitution was ceremonially adopted and eight weeks after the Foreign Minister, Dr. Jan Masaryk, committed suicide.

M. Klement Gottwald, the Communist Premier, to whom the resignation letter was addressed, told a special session of the Cabinet today: "I tried to dissuade him for quite a long time—but, as the President insists, and the medical advisers are very firm, we cannot but accept his declaration."

Gottwald As President?

M. Gottwald paid a striking tribute to Dr. Benes, saying: "He remains for ever in the history of our Republic, in the struggle for freedom and independence, for a progressive and socially just State."

Dr. Benes signed his letter of resignation this morning at his country home in Sezimovo Ústí, southern Czechoslovakia, where, weary and sick, he has been in seclusion since the February crisis. Observers here forecast today that the Premier would be the new President, that M. Antonín Zapotocký, trade union leader and Deputy Premier, would take over the leadership of the Government, and M. Zdeněk Fierlinger, Social Democrat Minister of Industry, would become Deputy Premier.

As bearer of the Presidential powers, the Cabinet now has the alternative of itself signing the Constitution or waiting until a successor is found to Dr. Benes. It is believed that the President will remain at his summer home and complete his memoirs.

Voiled Comment

Dr. Benes, with M. Thomas G. Masaryk, wrested the Czechoslovak Republic from the ruins of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918.

He has never made a decisive comment on the new regime established in February.

(Dr. Klement, former Secretary-General of the Christian Democratic People's Party, who died in March, told Reuters in London today: "Dr. Benes, by resigning, shows that he will have nothing to do with a new Constitution which simply makes Czechoslovakia a puppet of Russia.")

Only two official appearances were recorded after Dr. Benes retired to his summer residence after the February crisis. On March 13, he attended the funeral of Dr. Jan Masaryk, his Foreign Minister and son of Thomas G. Masaryk, and on April 7 he took part in the 800th anniversary celebrations of Charles University in Prague.

At the Charles University, he said: "The power of free ideas seeking the truth and nothing but the truth can break shackles."

"God willing, the universal freedom of the spirit will once more lead to prosperity and a happy future."

A Prisoner

When accepting the Communist demands on Feb. 27, he said he did so as otherwise there would be a serious rift in the country.

"You want to conduct the affairs of state in a new way and according to a new form of democracy," he told M. Gottwald. "I should like to express to you, the nation and the State, the wish that this new way may prove a happy one for all."

He signed the nationalisation laws, rushed through the Assembly in March and April, and his name appeared as a signatory on the new Czech election law. Because of his great personal popularity, much importance was attached to his remaining in office—a resignation might have been construed as a signal for active resistance to the new regime.

Some reports, never confirmed, declared he was a "virtual prisoner."

When Thomas Masaryk became President of the new Republic in 1918, Dr. Benes was his Foreign Minister. He served the new State uninterruptedly in this post for 17 years until he himself became President in 1935.

Dr. Benes resigned after the Munich agreement of 1938 and escaped to the United States, where, in 1939, he was appointed a professor at Chicago University. In 1940, he went to London as President of the exiled Czech Government. In that capacity, he made a wartime visit to Moscow. He was confirmed in office after the liberation of his country and returned to Prague on May 10, 1945.—Reuters.

BENES EXPECTED TO ESCAPE

Frankfurt, June 7.

Top Czech political exiles in the United States zone of Germany believe that Dr. Benes will attempt to leave Czechoslovakia to lend his name to the anti-Communist movement.

Emigres who head the 8,000 now living in camps after crossing the border illegally, said that Dr. Benes might not take active part in any exile government because of his age and health but would give support of his name and record.

The news of his resignation met with satisfaction among the refugees in the camps, here, many said that he should have done it earlier or "it would have meant more in February."

Pavel Tigrid, former editor of the Catholic Peoples Party press in Czechoslovakia said that the resignation was a "further and final proof that the present regime in Czechoslovakia attained power by fraud and intrigue."

Tigrid said that during the February crisis, Dr. Benes sent a definite message to the Czech political leaders in exile that he is resigning his post "very soon."

He added: "In this message the President made it clear that he is not going to return to Prague castle. The President kept his word. Now he has shown that the new so-called constitution as well as the recent elections are not valid and did not get the approval of a great majority of the people."—United Press.

BENES RESIGNATION SIGNIFICANCE

London, June 7.

Fugitive members of the old Czechoslovakian Parliament in a statement in London today said that the resignation of President Benes was a triple protest against political developments in Czechoslovakia.

The resignation, the statement said, was Benes' condemnation of: 1—The Communist seizure of Power in a coup last February.

2—The single list election last month.

3—The new constitution. About 30 members of the old Parliament who escaped from Czechoslovakia are in London.—Associated Press.

No Rotting Spuds In Britain

London, June 7. Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food, today flatly denied allegations in Congress by Representative John Taber, Republican, New York, that British potatoes rotted in large amounts even while potatoes were being rationed here.

She was replying to a Parliamentary question by Captain Raymond Blackburn, Labour, who called Representative Taber's statements "wild allegations," and asked Dr. Summerskill to "make it quite plain that large amounts of food have not been lost and not dumped and allowed to rot away."

"I would like to state categorically that a large amount of food in this country has not been lost," she said. "There has been no more deterioration among potatoes this year than in preceding years." Representative Taber's reports of food waste bolstered his successful attack on allotments of aid under the European Recovery programme.—Associated Press.

Comet Seen In America

Cleveland, June 7.

A brilliant comet, believed to be the discovery of a Japanese astronomer named Honda, flashed into the sky over Cleveland on Sunday. Dr. J. J. Nassau said he had made what probably were the first photographs of the heavenly body, but added that the comet was bright enough to be visible to the naked eye.—Associated Press.

Scotsman's Narrow Escape

Rangoon, June 7.

Two Gurkha factory guards were killed and several wounded in a three-hour gun battle that followed a raid by 700 bandits on a sugar factory at Toungoo, 130 miles north of Rangoon, during the week-end.

Mr. Alexander McLaughlin, the Scots manager of the factory, had a narrow escape and hid in an oil tank until the arrival of a train from Rangoon.

The raiders, Indians and Burmese, said to be Communists, took away their casualties after looting Mr. McLaughlin's house.

Soldiers and police were sent to the district, where the situation is reported to be normal.—Reuters.

GRISWOLD INJURED

Athens, June 7.

The American Aid Administrator to Greece, Mr. Dwight Griswold, is recovering today from head lacerations and bruises he suffered yesterday near where a truck wrecked Mr. Griswold's car.

Mrs. Griswold and a Greek woman friend were also injured.—United Press.

LOGICAL OUTCOME OF RED COUP

London, June 7.

The timing of the resignation of Dr. Benes one day before the last date prescribed for his signature of the new Communist-inspired Constitution is seen in London as a strong indication that political motives, not ill-health, were the determining factor in the decision, wrote Reuters diplomatic correspondent.

Diplomatic observers noted that the phrasing of the official Prague announcement of his resignation did not specifically give ill-health as the cause, although it referred in passing to the recommendation of Dr. Benes' physicians—that he should resign.

No official British comment was available tonight but it was felt in London that Dr. Benes' action was the logical outcome of the Communist coup in Prague last February, which marked a decisive break with the policy of close friendship with the West which had been the tradition of the Czechoslovak Republic since its birth in 1918.

The coup marked the failure of Dr. Benes' policy of friendship for the West and gave sole power to the men who believed that friendship with the Soviet Union overrides all other obligations.

Since then, those Czechoslovak politicians who believed in friendship with the West—especially those who spent the

war years in London, have been excluded from public life.

Many have fled from the country. Former Cabinet Ministers who stayed in the country have been placed under police supervision.

Diplomatic observers in London concluded—that, while Dr. Benes felt constrained to approve the February Government, he decided that he could not sign the new Czech Constitution drawn up by that Government and so give it full legal sanction.—Reuters.

PALESTINE POLICIES "UNJUST"

Washington, June 7.

United States policy in Palestine is condemned as "unjust, unrealistic, fantastically short-sighted and foolish" in a new book by Mr. Sumner Welles, a former Under-Secretary of State, who blames both Britain and America for the Palestine war.

The book, to be published tomorrow, is entitled "We Need Not Fail" and deals primarily with the Palestine problem.

The "final error" of the United States and the "antagonistic attitude of the British," he says, "were directly responsible for the progressive and rapid deterioration of the Palestine situation."

Mr. Welles declared there can be no hope for peace in Palestine unless the partition plan is re-vitalized by the United Nations, backed by military force and officially supported by the United States.

He says the "policies of selfish and short-sighted expediency" pursued by Britain and the United States "have done more to bankrupt the Security Council than Russia's vetoes."—Reuters.

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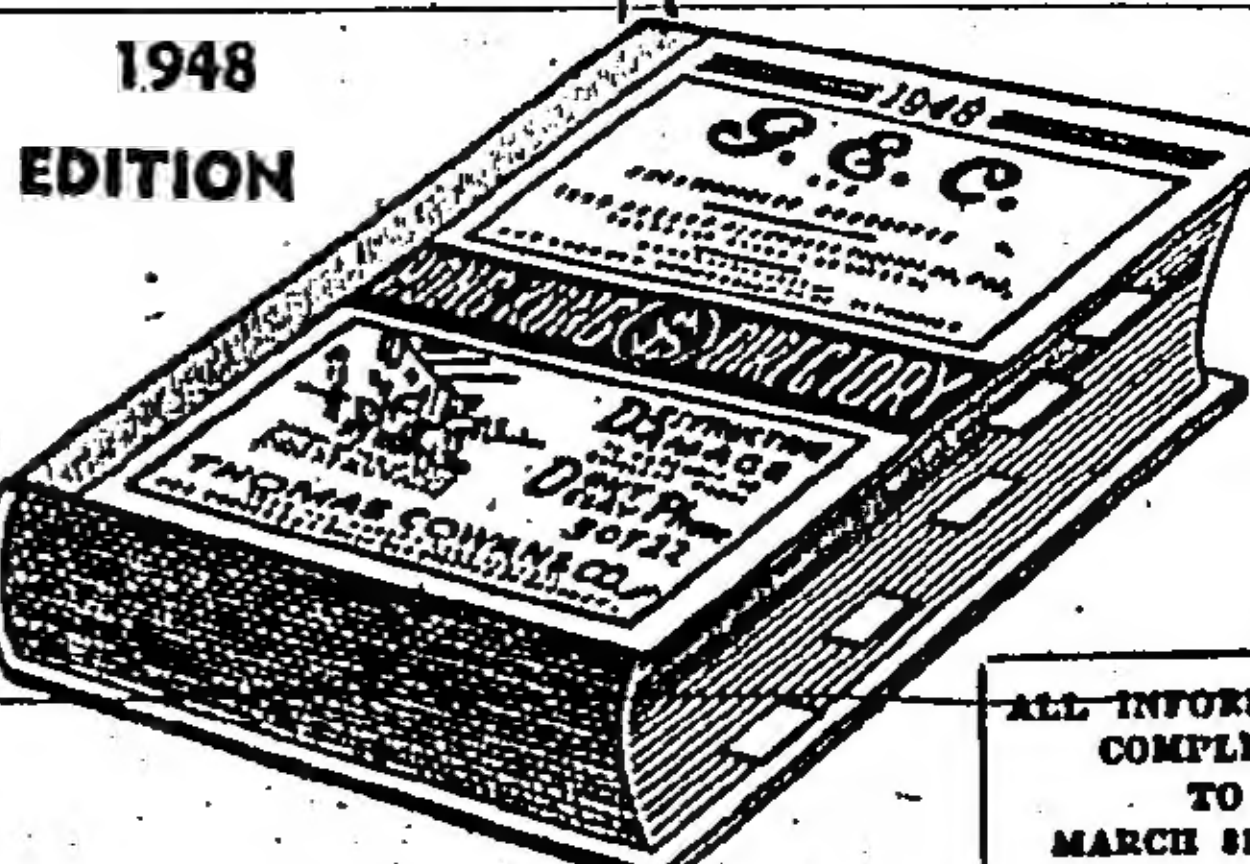
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COUNTER-OFFENSIVE ON MARSHALL SCHEME CUTS Vandenberg Rallies Forces For Battle

DUTCH ALARM AT CUTS

The Hague, June 7. Dutch political circles were highly astonished and alarmed by the House cut of Marshall aid.

There is still hope and expectation, however, that the action of the Senate or, if necessary, President Truman's veto will nullify the "disastrous" move.

It is commented that the cut by the House would degrade the aid from a real contribution for the reconstruction of Europe to a mere handout, instead of giving Europe new power to become once more a customer of the United States, would give the Continent at the best a temporary relief from daily worries.

The political side, however, is more dangerous since the Communists are displaying a feverish campaign activity in the Parliamentary elections.

The promised American aid formed the strongest argument against Communist propaganda. But now the Dutch Communists plan to build their electioneering campaign entirely upon the slogan: "Look to Eastern Europe. The Americans have broken their promises and let you down."

United Press.

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1.45 p.m.—Albert Rauder Trio. 1.55 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements. 2.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. 2.30 p.m.—"From the Show". 2.50 p.m.—Close Down.

6.50 p.m.—Programme Summary. 6.55 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll. Episode 1: "Down the Rabbit Hole" (HUTTS).

7.30 p.m.—"Wednesday Serenade". 7.40 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme Presented by Susan Howard (Solo). 8.10 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music (HUTTS). 8.30 p.m.—"Paul Temple and Steve" by Francis Durbridge (HUTTS). Episode 1: "The Final Curtain". 8.50 p.m.—Jazz Outet (HUTTS).

9.15 p.m.—"His Hour upon the Stage". A Talk by Dr. David (Studio). "A Place on both your Houses". 9.30 p.m.—Selections from Opera. 10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report. 10.18 p.m.—Victrola Songs by Fritz Kreisler. 10.30 p.m.—Music for Dancing. 11.00 p.m.—Radio News-Relay (London Relay). 11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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AIM TO RESTORE ORIGINAL SUMS

Washington, June 7.

Intensive behind-the-scenes preparations were being made here today for the great "counter-offensive" to be launched in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday against the House of Representatives 26 per cent cut in Marshall Plan funds.

The key figure in the battle—expected to be the most dramatic Congressional clash of this session—will be Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who is reported to be "fighting mad" over the House of Representatives slash.

It was clear today that he intended to take his full prestige into the fight for "unconditional surrender" from his fellow Republicans in the House.

It was also hoped with some confidence that he would carry the Senate with him, but whether he can do the same with the House of Representatives is less assured.

Mr. Vandenberg will appear before the Senate Committee with Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, and Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Economic Co-operation Administrator.

No Compromise
Reports were circulating in Congressional lobbies today that a "compromise" was being prepared which would spread the reduced funds over 12 instead of 15 months but sources close to Senator Vandenberg insisted he would be satisfied with nothing less than total restoration of the original \$5,300 million (£1,325 million).

Meanwhile the Government is going ahead with the Marshall plan purchases and shipments on the theory that the Senate will restore the cuts.

Confidence that the Senate will reverse the House action grew over the week-end with Senator Vandenberg's decision to lead the fight.

Administration officials said that they felt that the Senate will heed Vandenberg's plea on the ground that the Russians would benefit from any failure of the programme.

Strong Enough
Vandenberg's prestige as leader of the Republican Foreign policy makers is believed to be strong enough to cause the House to accept the original amount.

If the Senate restores the funds a conference between the Senate and the House Committees will seek to reconcile their differences.—Reuter and Associated Press.

JAPS ON TRIAL

Shanghai, June 8.

Two more Japanese war-time officers, Col. Y. Bushida and Col. Ogata, commanders in Hunan and Shansi provinces, were sentenced to death by a high military court here for atrocities and murder against Chinese civilians and rape and plunder committed by their respective regions.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authority

USEFUL AT NO TRUMPS

LEADING away from non-touching honours is usually unwise against a suit contract because there are seldom more than two or three high-card tricks taken in any side suit against a trump contract and therefore the jeopardizing of these constitutes not loss with no compensating gain. Against a No Trump contract, however, it may pay to waste one or more of those high-tricks if by so doing you establish one or more lower-cards-as-trick-takers.

S. A Q 7 3
H. A K 8 6
D. 8
C. K 10 5
S. 10 9 5 4
H. J 10 7 3
D. 10 5 3
C. A 2

S. K 8 2
H. Q 5 4
D. K J 7
C. J 7 4 3
(Dealer: East, North - South vulnerable.)

East South West North
Pass Pass 1 D Dbl
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT

West allowed South's No Trump bid to scare him out of leading his diamonds. A lead of that suit would be likely to present South with a trick, he reckoned, and so he chose instead his club. East won with the A and returned his diamond 10, which South covered with the J and the Q could win. West reckoned, however, that this would kill the whole suit, so he

ducked. His hope was that East could get the lead again and have a chance to lead through South's marked K.

South seized upon this opportunity to finesse the club 10, cash the K and then run three tricks in each major to have his game.

The contract would have been ruined if West had made the sound lead of his diamond—especially sound because his suit was of five cards. South could have taken a cheap-trick there with his J. But in order to get nine-tricks he would have had to seek a couple in the minors, more particularly in clubs. As soon as he did this, East would win with the A and counter with a diamond. That would have trapped South's K and enabled the defenders to take four tricks in the suit, beating the contract by one.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM
S. A 10 5
H. Q 7 5 2
D. J 10
C. A Q 8 2

S. 9 2
H. A J 10
D. 9
C. K 7 2 4

S. K Q J 8 7
H. K 4
D. A Q 9 8
C. K 3
(Dealer: West, North - South vulnerable.)

How should South play to avoid loss of a trick in each red suit after West leads the spade 9 against 6-Spades?

CHOICE BEFORE YOUTH

Oxford, Ohio, June 7.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, declared at Miami University's 100th annual commencement today that modern world civilization was at the crossroads.

Dr. Koo said today's youth—tomorrow's leaders—would have to decide which of two ideologies—genuine democracy or totalitarian Communism—would determine future civilization.

He pleaded for a stronger bond between the Western Hemisphere and China as a bulwark against Communism, asserting that China's reservoir of manpower, raw materials and mineral resources was the key to Asia's future.

Democracy's superiority is shown by the comparative treatment the two ideologies have accorded other nations in recent years, Dr. Koo added. He said the combined forces of Asia and the new Hemisphere would make the full of Communism inevitable.—United Press.

EGYPT'S PROFIT FROM COTTON

Cairo, June 7.

The Egyptian Government has made £27,000,000 profit this year from the sale of its cotton, most of it from this year's crop.

The Government still has 287,000 bales of cotton in stock, mostly long staple.—Associated Press.

DEWEY AND STASSEN BACK RESTORATION

Washington, June 7.

Two leading contenders for the Republican Presidential nomination called today for restoration of the U.S. foreign aid cuts voted by the Republican-dominated House of Representatives.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York said at Albany that the slashes would undermine "the confidence of the peoples of the free world in our good faith and leadership."

Harold E. Stassen told a Hartford, Connecticut, news conference that restoring the full European Recovery Programme is more important to the Republican Party than what its delegates do at the Party's National convention.

Both men thus line up with Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, who is leading the fight to have the Senate try to put back the more than \$5 billion in aid cut by the House from aid to Europe, China and other foreign spending programmes.

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HOTEL PRICES

It is a fair assumption that the objection to Government intervention and prospective interference with hotel rates, voiced by a proprietor in yesterday's "China Mail," expresses but mildly the protestations certain to be forthcoming at the implication that hotel charges in the Colony are excessive. Today's letters present the opposite side of the story—and there can be little or no doubt about where public sympathy will rest.

The Government has taken a long time to bestir itself to action; but if the decision is belated it is no less welcome. In the absence of special legislation to govern the operation of hotels and boarding-houses, it was a grave mistake on Government's part to exclude them from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. The result has been the conversion into private hotels—where extortionate prices could be imposed for rooms—of premises which otherwise would have been preserved as ordinary residential property, and the creation of a system of standard rates which, for all but the Government servant whose bill, or a large part of it, is met by the Government, has meant serious hardship. The position does not look the better when, as alleged by an earlier correspondent, and more or less admitted by the hotel proprietor, it appears that Government servants have been given specially favoured treatment and differential rates are applied, to the disadvantage of the non-government wage slave, in many of the private hotels. Such circumstances carry a most unpleasant suggestion of a consideration granted to dissuade Government against butting in on a racket.

The demand which has now gone out for the facts and figures removes any impression of double-dealing on that particular score, and Government may proceed in confidence that it has the full backing of public opinion. The hotels, always full because the Colony is crowded with permanent residents who seek in vain for private accommodation to which prohibitive key money demands are not attached, have had a good innings. Not all of them have prospered in the strict sense of the term, but none has had any reason to suffer financial embarrassment. The case for control of rates is incontrovertible, for while there may be instances where examination of the scales will amount to a pure formality, and no modification will be recommended, there are far too many, especially among those newly sprung up, where the rates bear no relation whatever to real values.

No final answer to this problem will, of course, be found until the provision of new housing has caught up with the abnormal demand, and hotels are once again dependent upon the transient for the larger part of their revenue. Until then, the close supervision of prices is more than justified on the known facts. It can only be hoped, indeed, that a decision to act having been reached, there will now be no squeamishness about the fixing of rates.

KEITH BUTLER, "The Press and Journal" Special Correspondent in Greece, here tells a simple but saddening story which is, however, not only the story of one man and his farm, but is, too,

THE RED KNIFE CUTTING GREECE

Nicos is a patriot. The Greek Army has burned down the little farm he had built during the last thirty years. But Nicos is still a patriot. He has a wife and six children. With the whole family working hard, the farm just kept them.

When the Albanian War began in 1940 Nicos was called up to fight back the Italian invaders. He went gladly, for he loves Greece above all.

His regiment thought Nicos a brave man. Three times he was mentioned in dispatches and finally was decorated for valor.

But Nicos thought his wife was the brave one, for she kept the farm running and brought up his children all by herself while he fought in the mountains.

While Greece was occupied by the enemy Nicos gave what help he could to the resistance movement in his district. And he worked twenty-four hours a day to keep his family from starving to death on the enemy's requisitioned land away the little his farm produced.

In those years he learnt to recognize and fear the Communist plans to dominate Greece which

were hidden behind the romantic appeal of E.A.M. resistance. Nicos feared for the future.

A Royalist

Mainly for this reason Nicos voted for the return of the King when the plebiscite was held in liberated Greece. He has not regretted his choice, for King Paul and Queen Frederica did not stay in their Athens palace, but visited him and his family in every Greek province.

The first sign of their understanding was the relief sent by the Queen's Fund to the refugees from the North. Nicos included his King and Queen in his love for Greece.

In the autumn of last year a great sadness came to Nicos. His two younger brothers, whom he loved deeply, had spent the occupation in the mountains with the E.L.A.S. resistance forces. There they had met the Communist propaganda which the hardness of the time and luck of education made so convincing.

When they came home, after the Varkiza Agreement, Nicos was shocked by their ideas, which seemed full of hatred, revenge

and impossible promises. Because of his love he gave up arguing with them.

One day last autumn they left the house and joined the Communist guerrillas in the mountains.

Just before Christmas they both came to his house with other guerrillas, armed with rifles and tommy-guns. After a short greeting they demanded food and shelter. Nicos argued, but had to give way. What else could he do?

Afraid

There were his brothers. Moreover he was afraid for his family and the farm. Terrible stories of the cruel guerrilla reprisals, where men had killed father and brother, being brought every day by the terror-stricken refugees from the north.

And the nearest Greek troops were miles away.

Nicos gave in, and for two days the guerrillas hid and rested on his farm.

Three days later Greek army troops came to Nicos' village on cleaning-up operations. From the leading villagers they heard how Nicos had helped the guerrillas.

The major in charge of the area had no choice. In this grim struggle for Greece's freedom any help to the guerrillas operating behind the Greek Army's lines is a matter of life and death for the troops.

Until the last of General Markos' Communist guerrillas have been killed, captured or driven from Greece, so there can be no peace or recovery for the country.

Every day villages and farms are being destroyed, and men, women and children slaughtered with barbaric cruelty by Markos' men. Roads are mined, bridges and trains blown up, power stations and water works sabotaged by guerrillas operating behind the Greek Army's lines while it fights the main battle in the snow-covered mountains.

In the fertile north farming and productive work have dwindled to nothing as the peasants are fleeing to the safety of the big towns. Those who stay are liable to be killed as nationalists or conscripted to serve the guerrilla bands under threat of death or reprisal on their families.

Women Carried Off

Daily scores of women and young girls are being carried off by the guerrillas to be used as pack animals and as part of a systematic plan to break down the communal life and morale.

With these thoughts in his mind, the major gave the order to burn down the farm of the man who had given shelter to the enemies of the Greek State and people. Nicos and his family were allowed to carry away what they could take out in their arms. Then, silent and sad, they watched the flames consume their life.

The major and the soldiers took pity on them. For as long as they could they lent them a mud hut to house himself and his family when the tent could no longer be spared.

Now they live in the mud hut, which has neither light nor windows. The door has to be left open to the cold winds so that they can see. And Nicos tries to rebuild his life.

The strangest thing of all is that he is not bitter. "Of course, I don't hate the Army," he says. "They had to do it. But what else could I do?"

UNION ATTACK ON STUDENTS

Shanghai, June 8.

Eighty labour unions here issued a manifesto yesterday, denouncing the "vocational" student movement against American aid to Japan, and suggested that such matters should be presented to the United States Government by the people's representatives through the proper diplomatic channels.

The unions included all labourers employed in import-export industries such as cotton mills, telephone, power and water companies, hotel guilds and piece goods guilds.

Among other things the manifesto said that "to oppose America for helping Japan is one thing and to oppose America is another. These two should not be mixed up. If you are against America for helping Japan, why do you oppose America for helping China?"

"It is obvious you are doing this for the Communists. We are labourers. We are real proletarians. We are against the Communists who are trying to sell our nation. You vocational students are studying with Government subsidies which we have saved with our sweat and blood. Instead of helping your Government you are assisting the Communists and injuring Chinese-American relations."

"We labourers will not let you continue like this. Meanwhile, Communist elements among local students are reported to be still planning to stage an 'Anti-United States Aid to Japan' demonstration or take other action within this week."

One report said the date for the demonstration has been fixed by the Communists for June 20. Police and garrison authorities are continuing their strict watch on university campuses.—Reuter.

BRITAIN THE ONLY SUPPLIER

Sydney, June 7.

Britain will now be the sole supplier of moderate and high priced cars to Australia where a ban on the import of luxury American cars has been extended to medium as well as expensive models.

This is a move to save dollars. Import licensing officials stated today that more cars would be imported from America but only models of the cheaper type.

Senator Benjamin Courtice, Minister for Trade and Customs, said today that licences were being refused for import from dollar areas of all goods which could be made in Australia or bought outside the dollar area.

He added that this principle had been in force for the last six months but would be enforced more strictly in the new imports schedule.—Reuter.

P.I. CONGRESS SUMMONED

Manila, June 7.

A 10-day special session of the Philippine Congress, beginning June 14, was set by an Executive proclamation last night by President Quirino. The session will consider important legislative measures which will be submitted by the Chief Executive.—Reuter.

REPORT ON KOREA WRITTEN

Seoul, June 7.

Members of the United Nations Commission for Korea returned to Seoul from Shanghai today after writing the first part of their report to the General Assembly.

The portion completed consists of a review of the political situation in Korea, the work of the Commission since arriving in Korea in Aug. 1 last year and the Commission's observation of the Korean election on May 10.

Members of the Commission refused to disclose what attitude they had taken in their report, but announced: "Having as its objective the prompt attainment of freedom and independence for the Korean people, the Commission will proceed to a study of the political situation in Korea in the light of developments following the elections."

From Manila, Reuter reported tonight that the new South Korean Government will be ready to start functioning by August, according to Senator Rubio Luna, the alternate Philippine delegate to the Korean Commission.

Senator Luna said today that the Commission still entertains the hope that North Korea, which is Soviet-controlled, would join the new Government.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Tell the newsmen to keep their shirts on, Miss Meggal. I'll give them my statement as soon as I've checked it to eliminate words with only one meaning!"

MIKIMOTO IN THE NEWS

By EDWARD BISHOP

Most of you are well acquainted with Mr. Mickey Mouse, but how many people, I wonder, know anything about Mr. Mikimoto, who has recently popped into the news?

Mr. Mikimoto is the man who made the cultured pearl business famous. He was the "brain" behind Japan's prosperous pre-war pearl export trade.

Today, Australians are trying to discover the secret Mikimoto method of pearl culture in order to increase the Empire's dollar harvest from the pearl shell.

Jap "Poachers"

Before the war the Japanese did most of the deep-sea diving for pearls along the Australian coast. They "poached" more than 2,000,000 worth of pearls from Australian territorial waters.

Now Australia's pearls are being turned the 2,000 mile coastline from Broome, in Western Australia, as far as Thursday Island, into a dollar-earning stretch of ocean.

At one time Australia's pearling fleet of 500 luggers operated without competition, but along came the depression of the early thirties, and many pearlers found it difficult to keep going because of the drop in the price of pearl shell.

They beached their boats and left the Japs in control of the industry, which was fostered by the Japanese Government because the pearlers were able to supply valuable naval intelligence for the coming war.

Hundreds of Japanese even camped out on the lonely Australian coast. Superstitiously they transplanted pearl shell to their own waters in order to foster pearl "culture"—the Mikimoto secret.

Startled World

Son of a poor pedlar, Mr. Mikimoto went into the profitable pearl business when the British fleet visited Japan away back in 1875. When the sailors came in Mikimoto!

MOOK'S INVITATION TO INDONESIAN PREMIER

Batavia, June 7.

Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, tonight invited Dr. Mohammad Hatta, Premier of the Indonesian Republic, to Batavia for direct talks on the disputes between them.

The international status of the Republic is one of the most urgent of these questions. A Dutch communique earlier said it was hoped a further step by Dr. Van Mook would end the "unfounded excitement" over the situation.

No reply had yet been received to the invitation, a Dutch spokesman said. Nor was there any answer yet to a note which two special delegates took to Dr. Hatta last week—thought to contain a protest against an agreement with the Soviet Union signed in Prague by Dr. Suriano, a representative of the Republic for an exchange of diplomatic representatives.

Dr. Hatta told correspondents in Jogjakarta today that he did not know what sort of agreement Dr. Suriano had concluded with Russia, and therefore he could not say whether the Republic would ratify it.

"Conciliatory"

Republican communications abroad were bad, Dr. Hatta said, and he did not know whether Dr. Suriano had received his Government's orders to return to Jogjakarta.

It was believed here that the Republicans would tell the Dutch they accepted the clause in last January's "Renville" agreement in which Dutch sovereignty is recognized until the present negotiations end in the setting up of a United States of Indonesia.

Today's Dutch communique emphasized that their note, like other recent Dutch declarations, "breathes a conciliatory spirit."

In contrast, many recent Republican statements were "unsuitable to create the spirit desirable for delicate negotiations," it was added.

General's Threat

The communique named General Surdian, the Republican Commander-in-Chief, and President I. R. Soekarno, as among those whose declarations might give the impression of a worsening situation.

General Surdian was reported last week as saying that the Republican Army would "take matters into its own hands" if the Indonesian Government, copying the Chinese currency—Rutulated to certain Dutch demands.

ashore on leave he would sell them eggs in order to finance his pearl trade.

In 1894 Mikimoto produced a "blister"—or half—a pearl, and twenty years later he started the world with a perfect replica of the natural gem.

European jewellers sued him for marketing an imitation as the real thing, but scientists gave evidence that his pearl had the same substance, colour and material as pearls found in the South Sea oyster.

In 1924 Mikimoto established a pearl farm in the Palau Islands.

Ten years later he put nearly thirty thousand first-class pearls on the world markets.

It was to Palao that the Japs took most of the pearl shell they "poached" from Australian waters.

Mikimoto's men even put the pearl shells back into the ocean until they were ready to introduce the "culture". Then Japanese women "hooked" the shell from the sea bed and it was taken to laboratories, where the nucleus of the pearl-to-be was inserted.

The nucleus can be anything from a grain of dirt to a piece of seaweed, so long as it will allow the mother-of-pearl to grow round it.

After the operation the shell is returned to the sea. Within ten years the pearl is ready.

Australian Check-Up

Today the Australians are anxious to discover the secret developed by the poor egg pedlar Mikimoto. They are checking all possible sources of information.

That is why they are interested in the news that a special range of pearls which was given by Mikimoto to the Chinese Empress Pu Yi, wife of the last of the Manchukuo Emperors of China, has been put up for sale.

In America before the war you could buy a tinned oyster guaranteed to contain a pearl. The pearls were cultured specimens popped in by the Japanese—a la carte a la Mikimoto!

CHINESE PREMIER UNDER FIRE

Nanking, June 7.

The Premier, Mr. Wang Wen-hao's, foreign policy statement at today's Kuomintang memorial service drew sharp criticism from the party's legislators who attacked the assembly at the invitation of the Generalissimo.

Mr. Wang said efforts will be directed towards the strengthening of the United Nations Organisation, re-educating the Japanese people and seeking co-operation with other nations in establishing world peace.

He was vented by the legislators that the Government in the past had consistently failed to adopt an independent foreign policy. The result was, they said, the Government had obtained goodwill from none, while trying to please all.

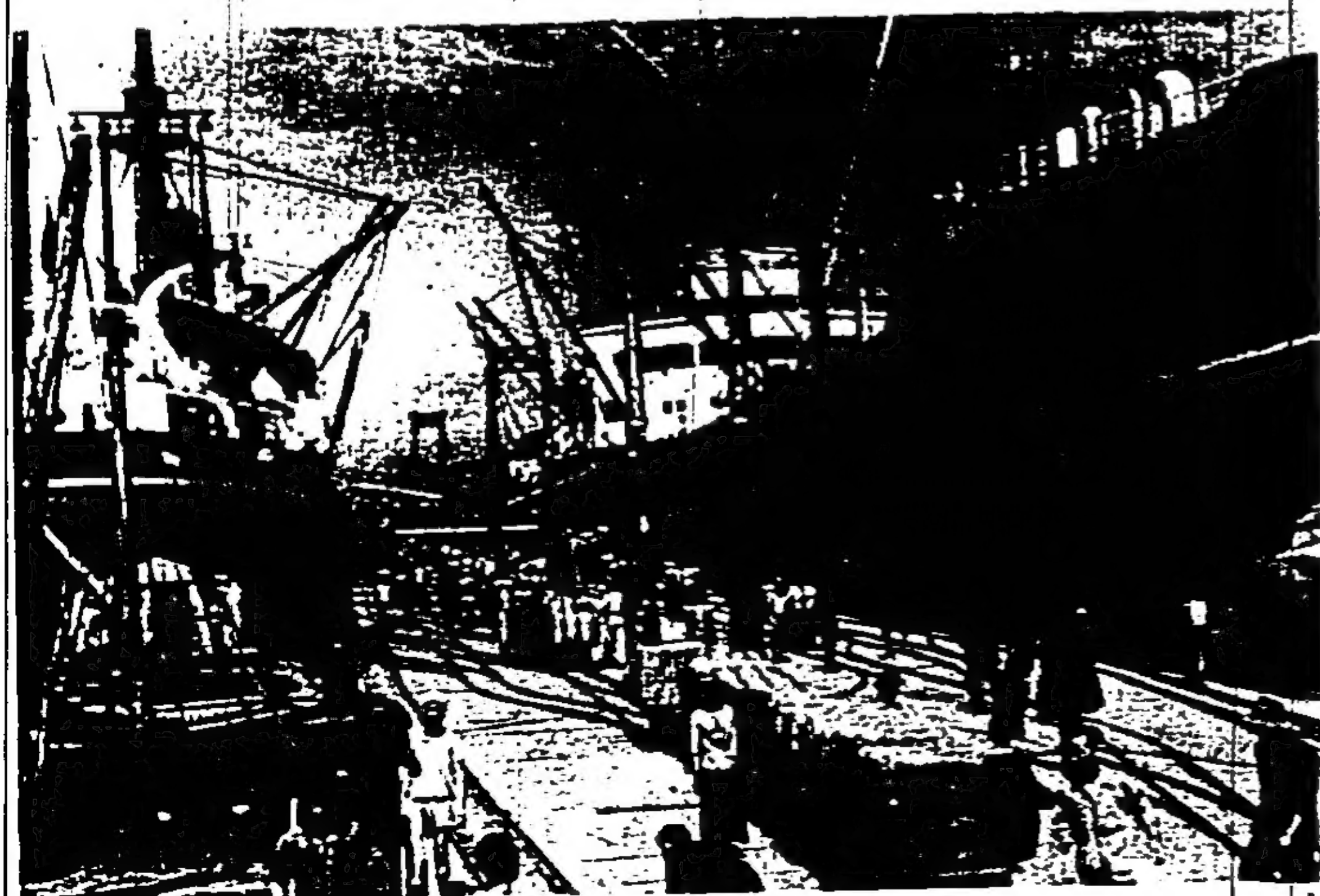
It was suggested that, once and for all, the Government should now clarify its attitude towards the Soviet Union instead of continuing to pursue what was described as an "ambiguous" foreign policy.

In the domestic field, Mr. Wang promised to balance the national budget, revise the taxation system and formulate plans for reforming the Chinese currency.—Reuter.

General view of Kowloon Point, showing Wharf Company's premises with eight vessels alongside.



Aerial view of the South end of the Kowloon Point property, showing the first six berths occupied. Aerial Photos by R.A.F.



KOWLOON-THE WAREHOUSE OF EAST ASIA

In the godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, a veritable Aladdin's Cave storing an amazing variety of products from every country in the world, Hong Kong's claim to be the warehouse of East Asia asserts itself.

Alongside the Company's wharves ten ocean-going steamers can be handled simultaneously at any state of the tide, and storage space is available for 750,000 tons of cargo.

To-day an average of 65,000 tons cargo monthly is discharged into the godowns of the Company and in all well over a million tons annually is handled.

A tremendous job of rehabilitation has been done since September, 1945, when despite hindrances due to bomb damage and neglect

30,000 tons of military stores and equipment were handled across the wharves. To-day, of 11 berths, nine are in full operation and reconstruction of the remaining two is in hand.

Photographs
by
CHINA MAIL

Vessels discharged at the Wharves. The Light Railway System extends throughout the premises and ensures rapid movement of cargo.





FELICITATIONS.—Sir Robert Ho Tung proposing a toast to the bride and bridegroom at the reception which followed the marriage of Mr. Ho Hung-to, grandson of Mr. Ho Kom-tong, and Miss Pau Kwok-hing. Sir Robert is the grand uncle of the groom.



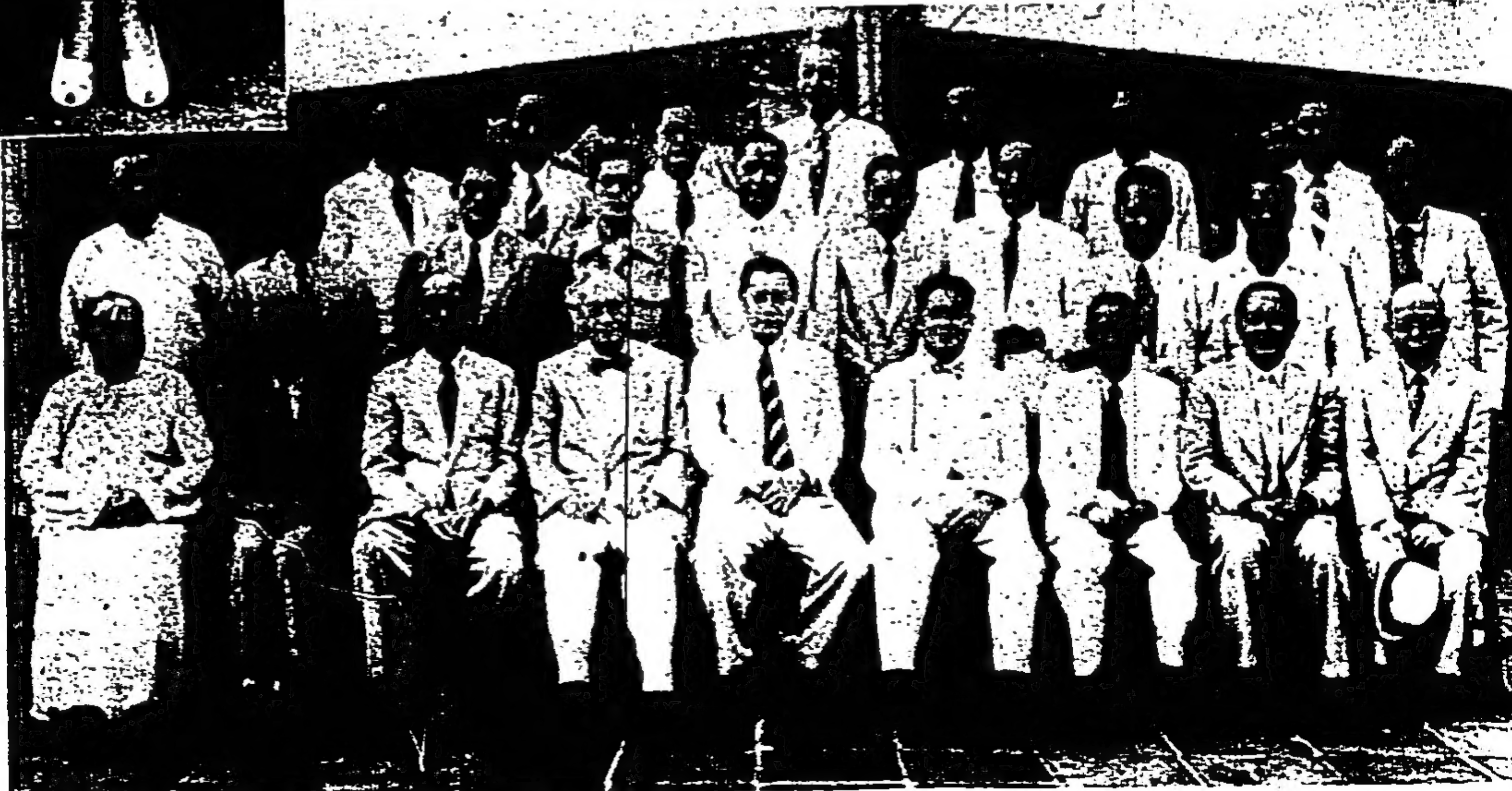
MARRIED.—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Martin photographed after their wedding last week. The bride was formerly Miss Florence Margaret Fowler. (Francis Wu)

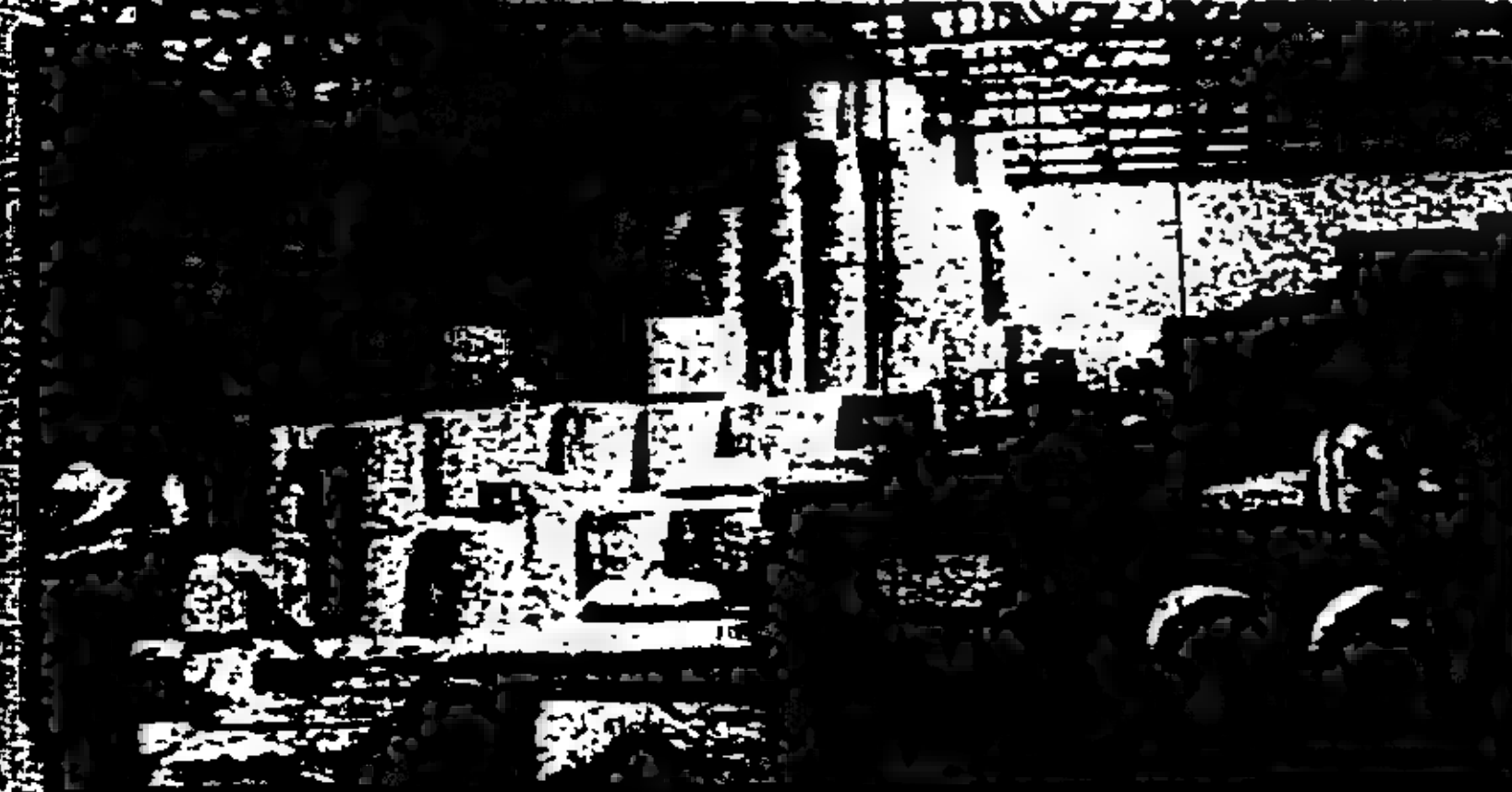
CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—A group of the executive committee and directors of the Chinese Chamber taken after the sixteenth election recently. The validity of the election has been the subject of legal proceedings. (Sun Ying Ming)



VIETNAM LEADERS.—Lt. General Nguyen Van Xuan who has been endeavouring to form a provision government in Vietnam, photographed with the ex-Emperor Bao Dai. The political situation is still in a state of flux. (Gainsborough picture)

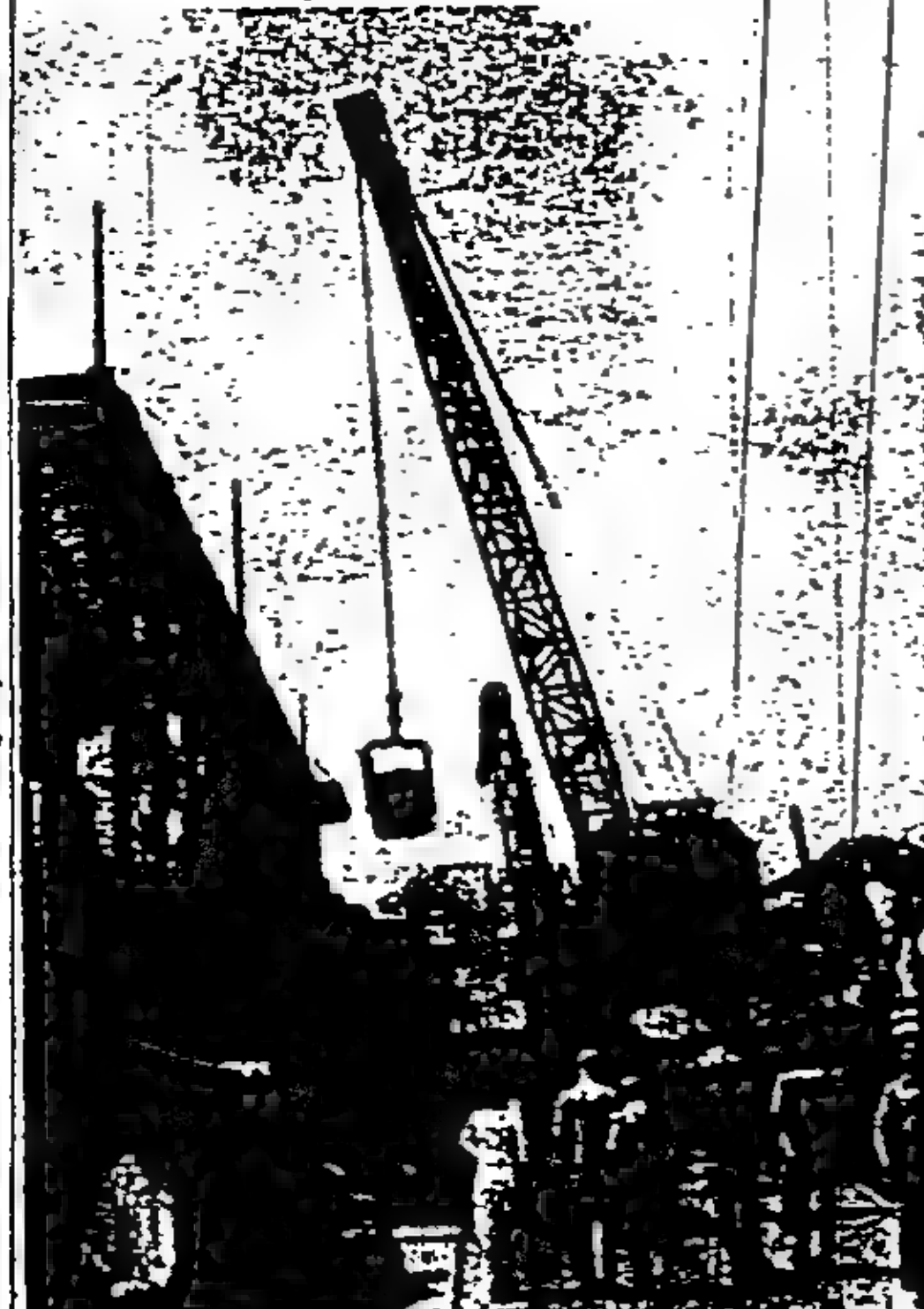
ROSARY CHURCH.—Group taken after last week's wedding between Miss Emma Leong and Mr. Pat Richards. (Victor Studio)





Inside the Transit Sheds. Maximum light and sorting space facilitates ships' discharge and cargo sorting. Lower photo shows reels of newsprint paper being stacked roof high.

Six-storied Storage Godowns (left and right) equipped with Electric Wall Cranes, Hoists and Cargo Lifts for the rapid movement of cargo in and out.



Two of the battery of Electric Gantry Cranes, which serve the Wharf frontage; the nearer Crane is handling coal.



Electric conveyor moves bales of Cotton Yarn to the upper floors.



Mobile Crane stacking cases of motor-cars.



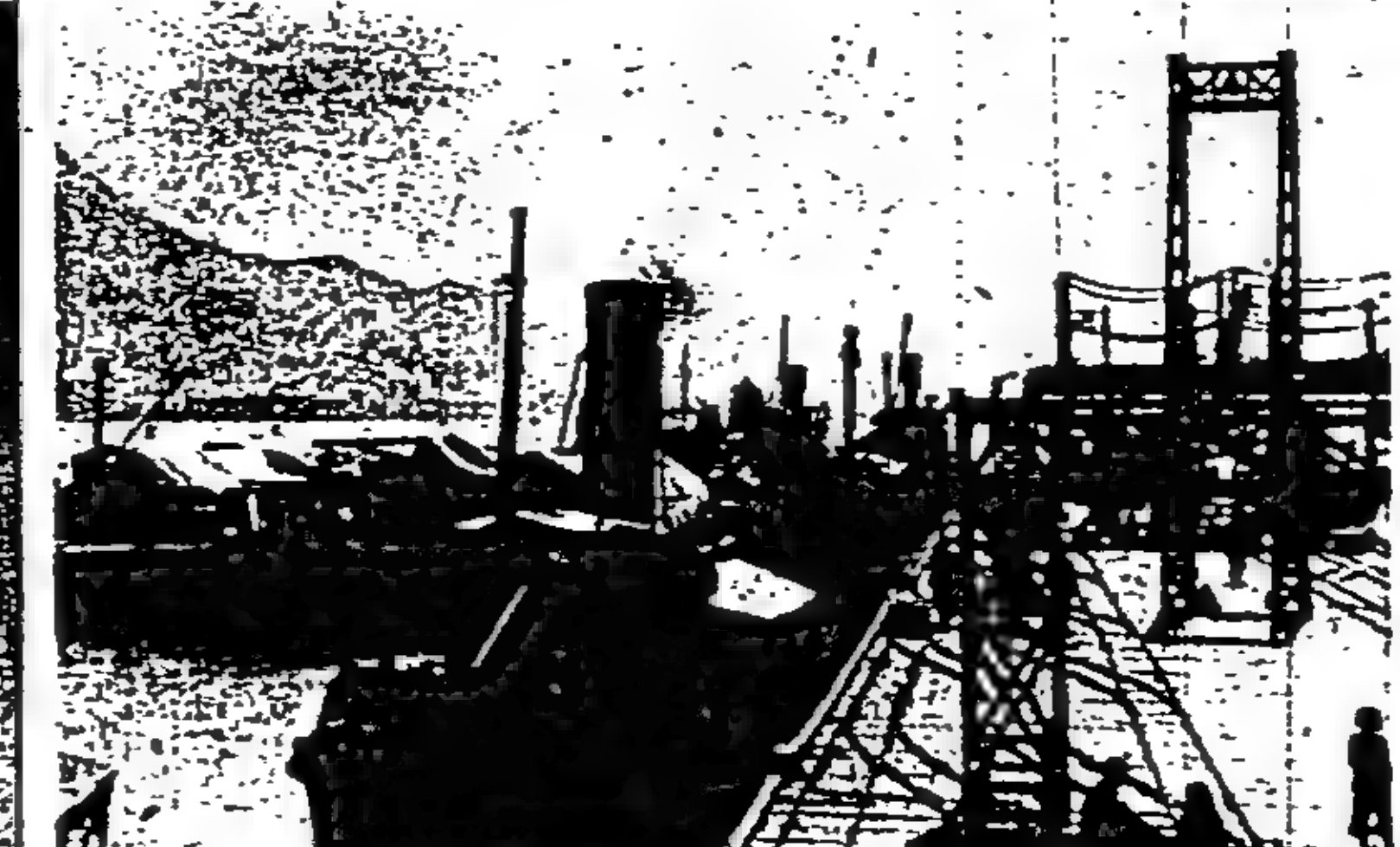
The Treasure Room. Built of Interlocking Spiral Steel Reinforced Concrete, with Chubb doors and grills. The Treasure Room can accommodate 500 tons of bullion or other valuable cargo. Left—The entrance. Right—One of the Special Cargo Grilled Lock-ups. Below: — Elephant Tusks and Rhino Horns.



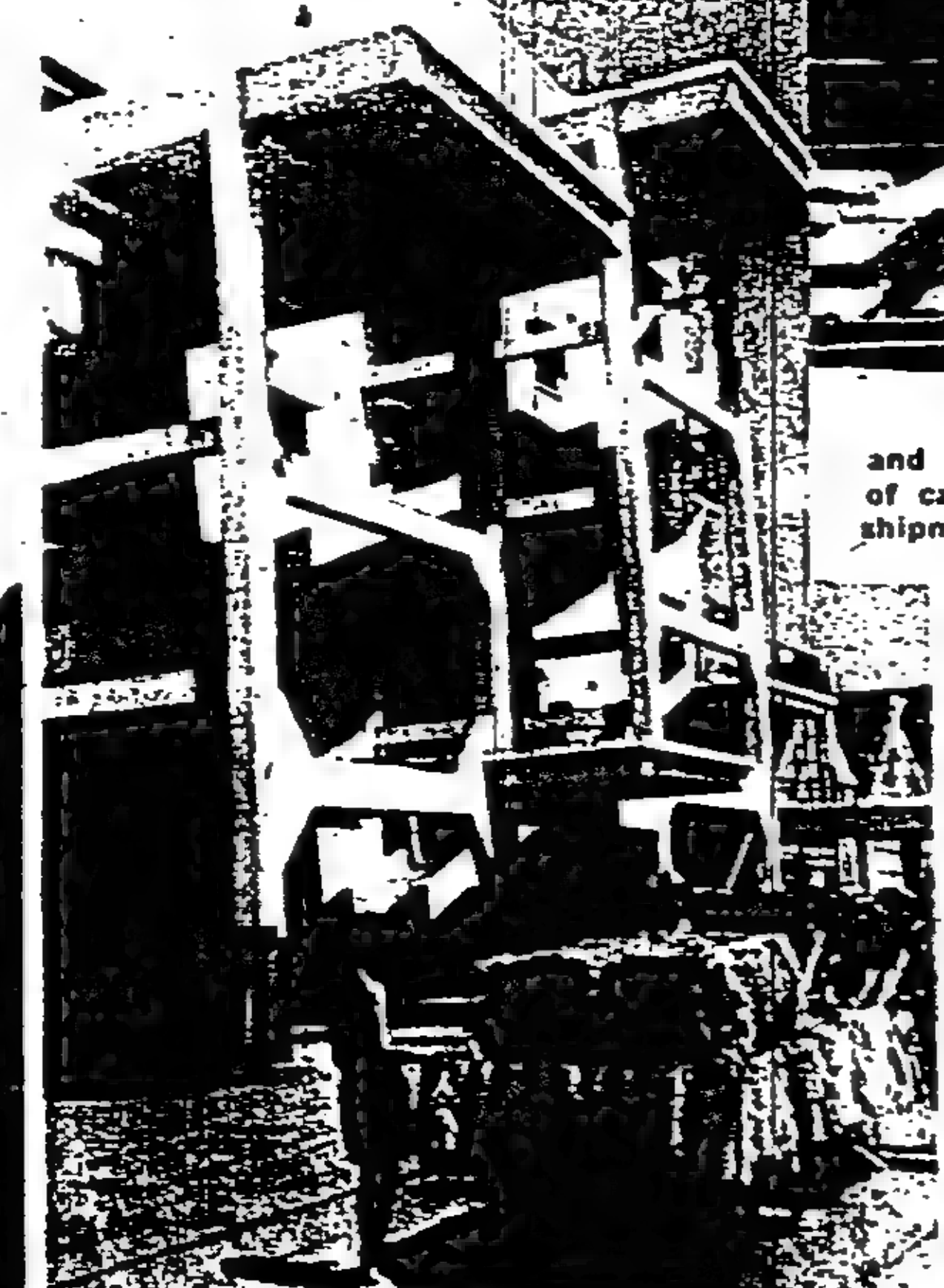
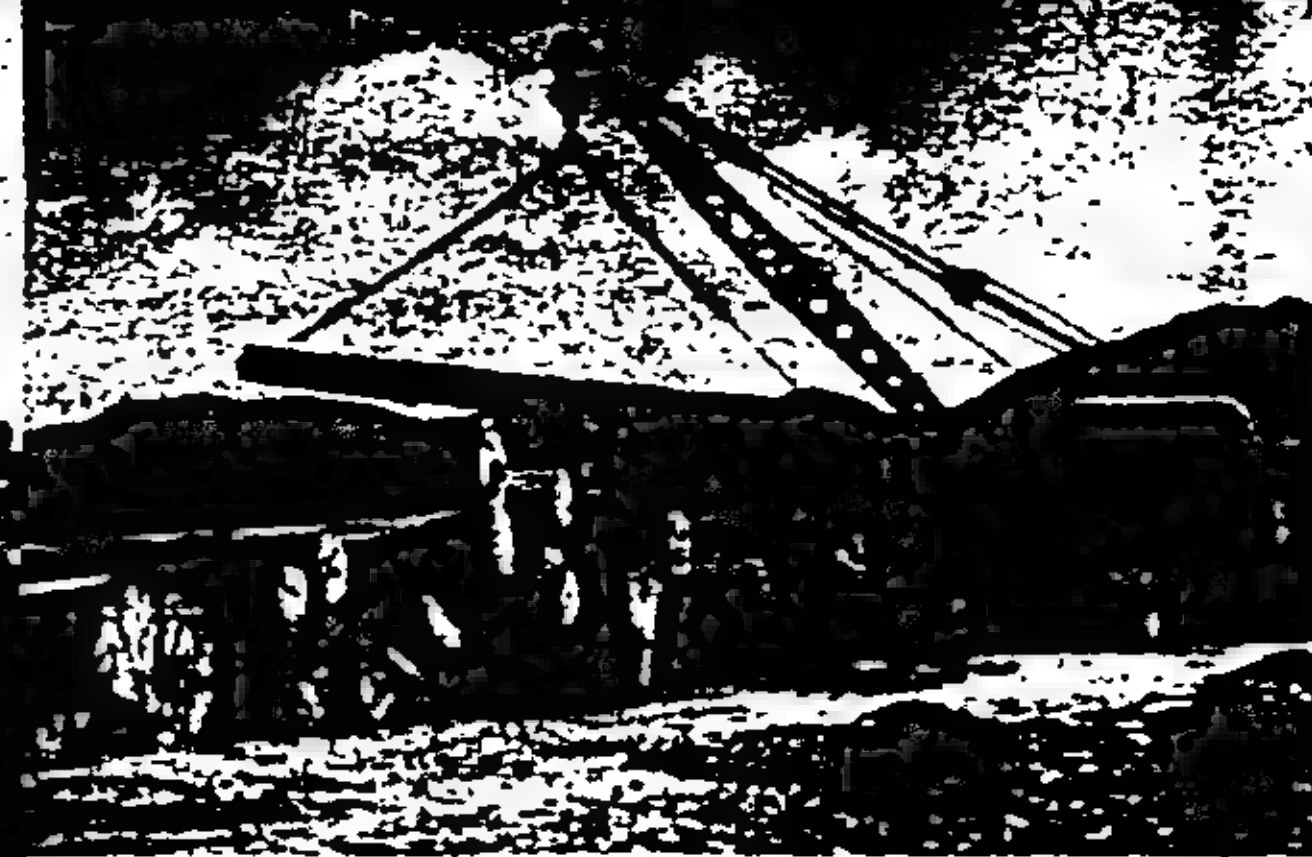
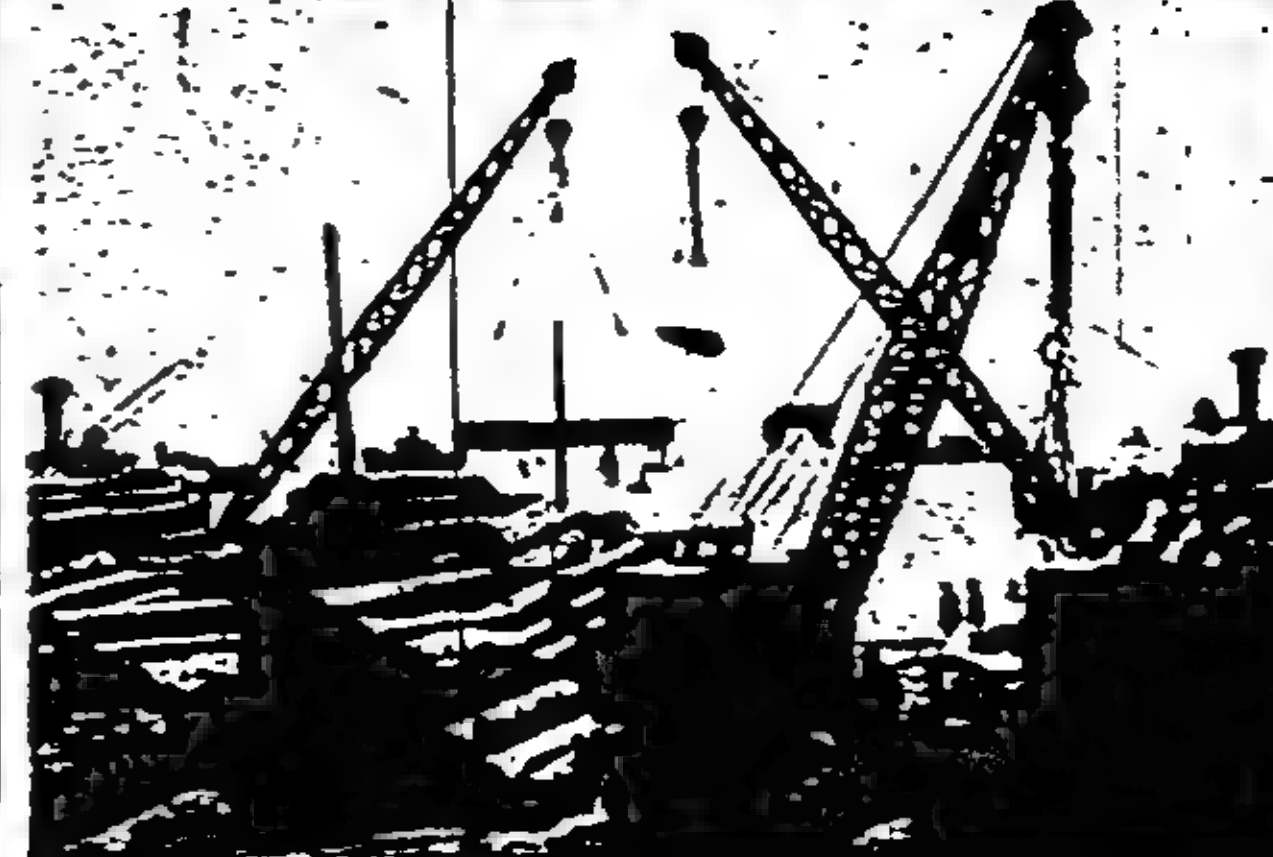
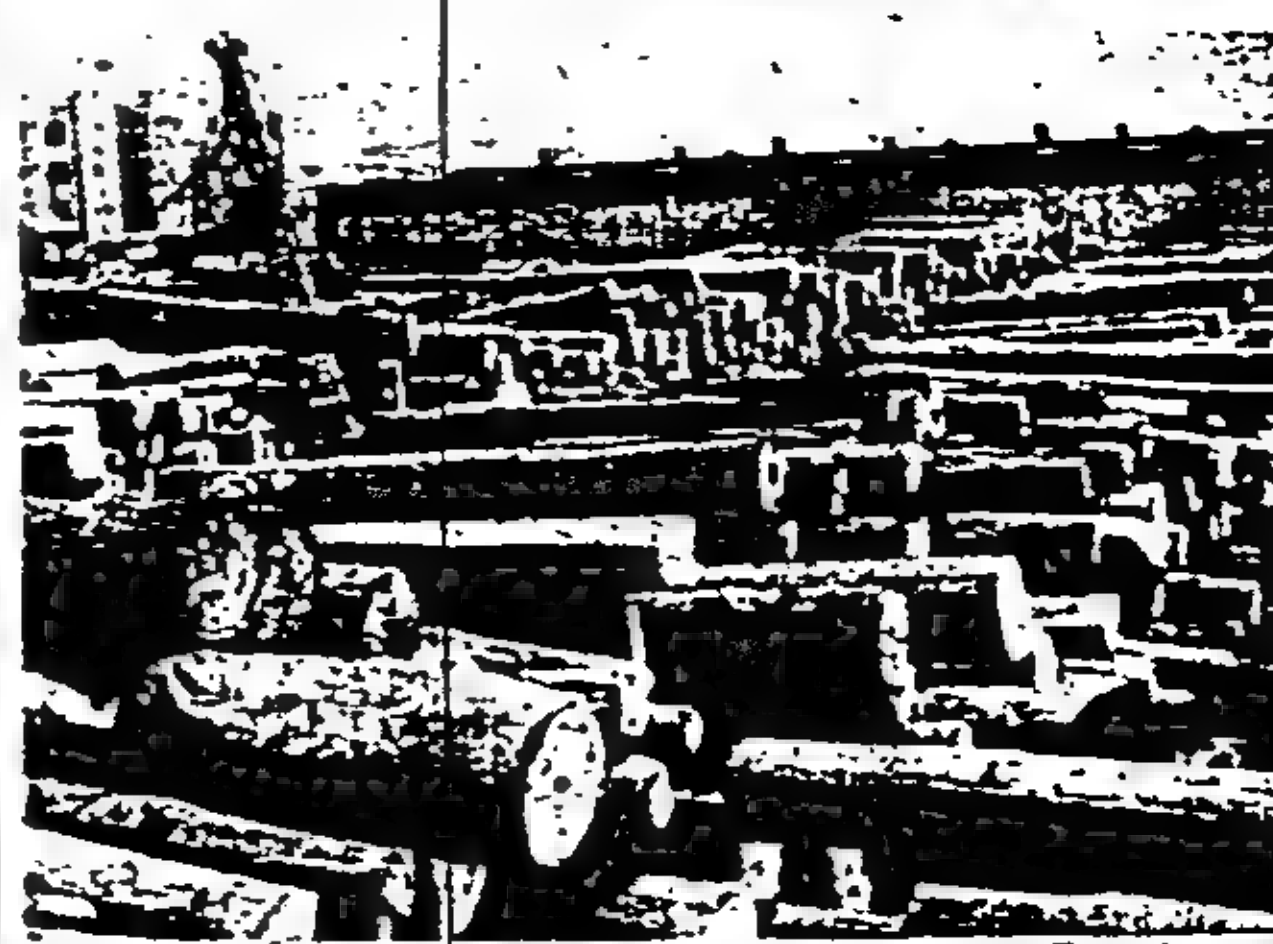
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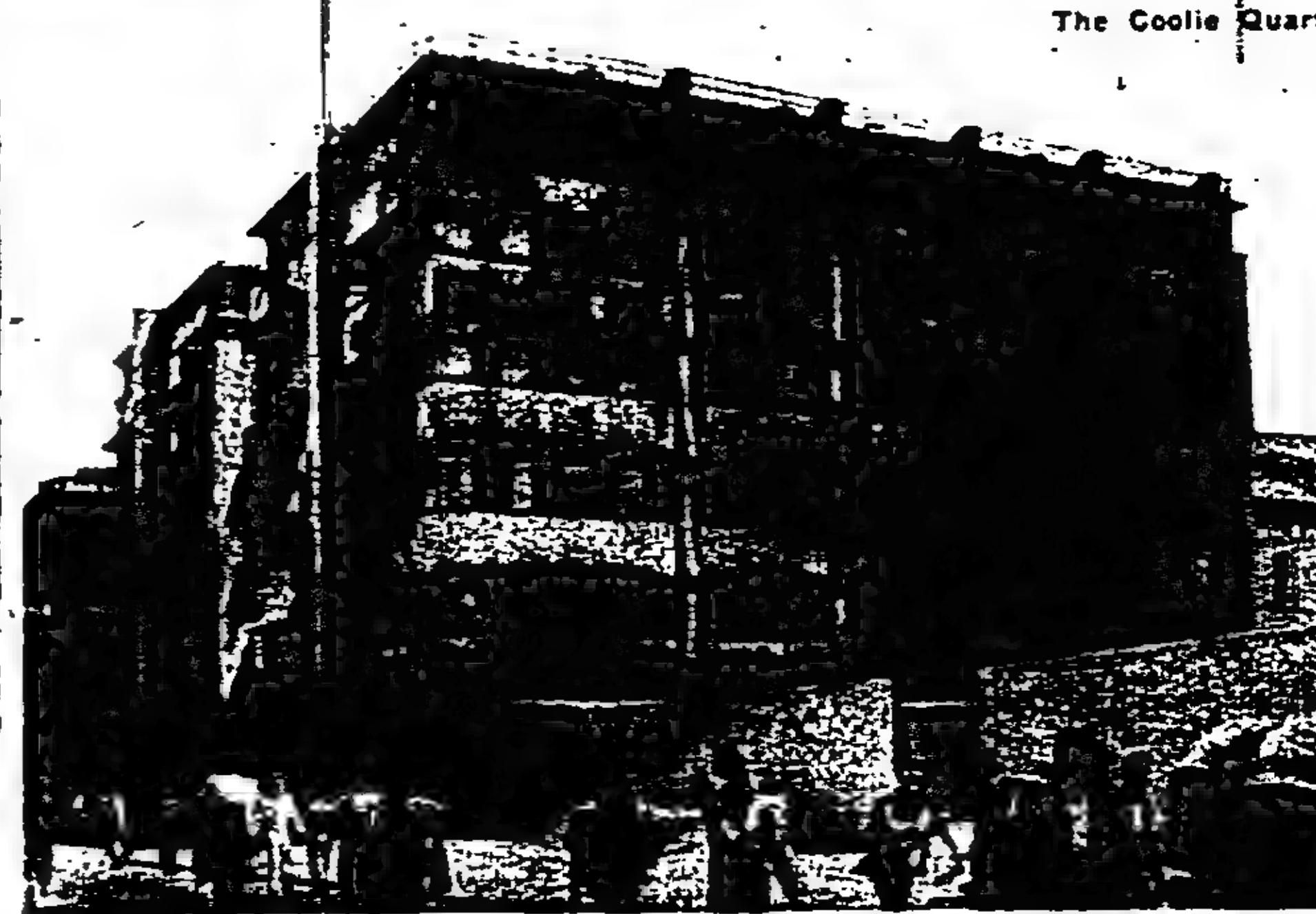
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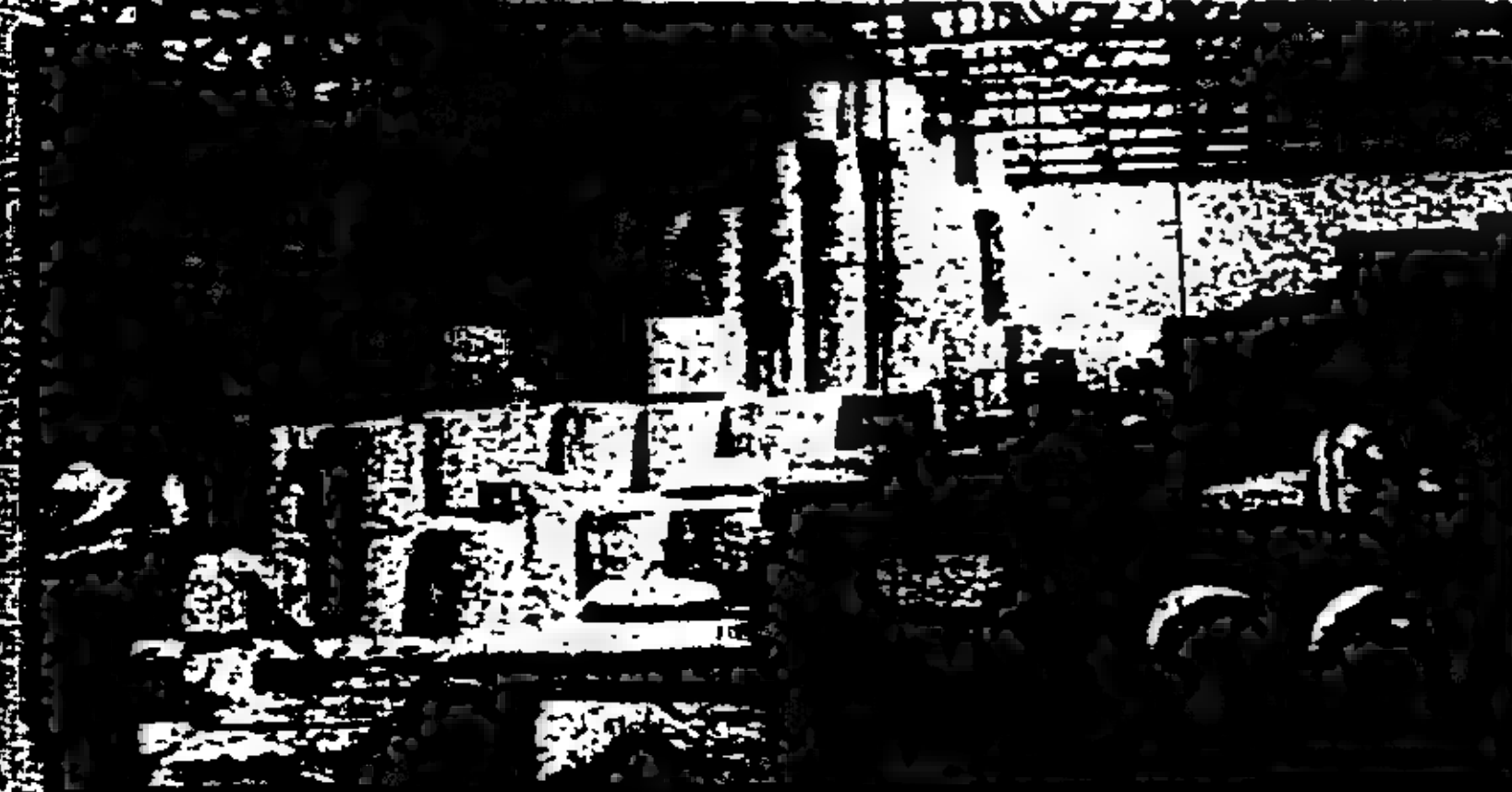
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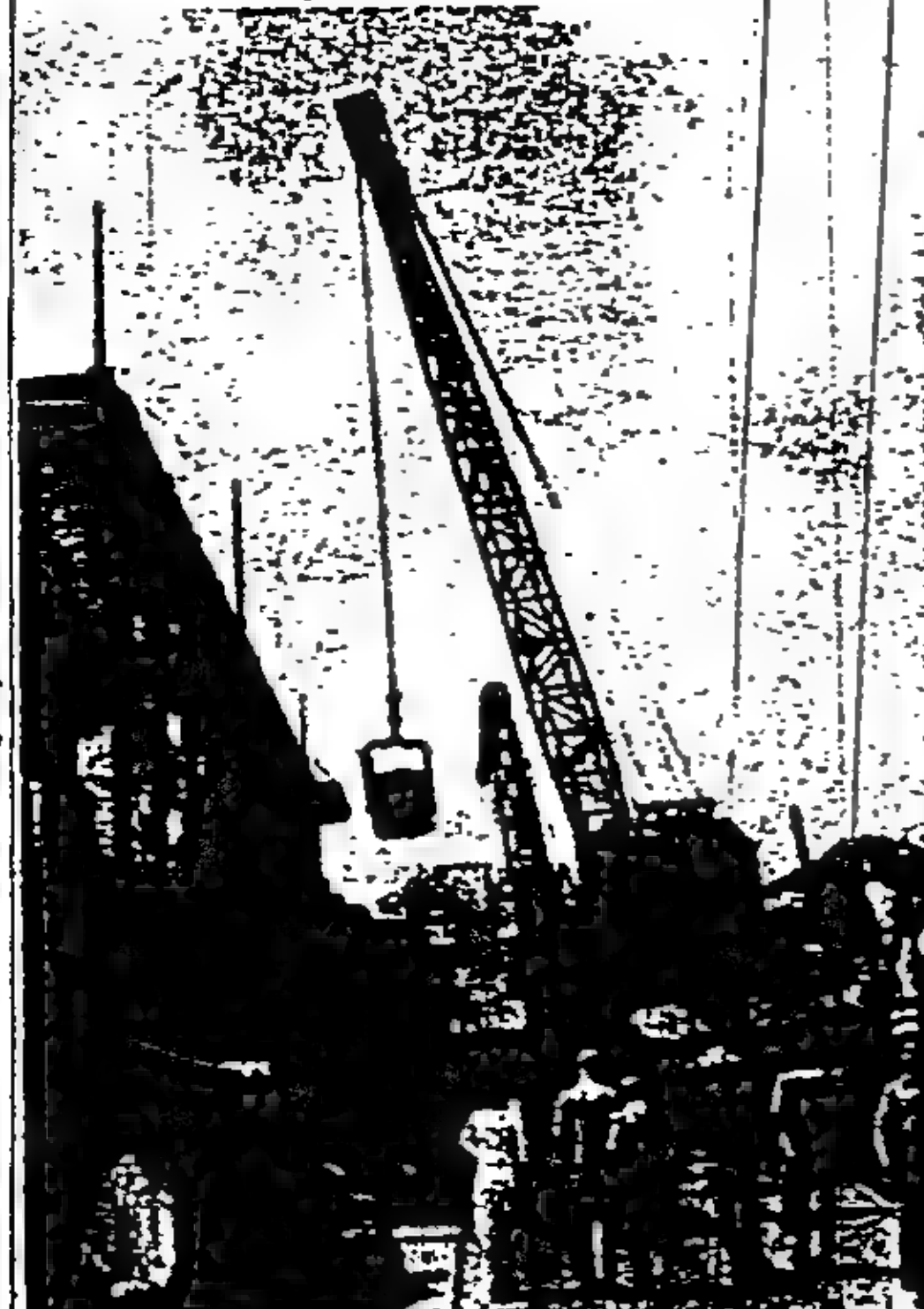


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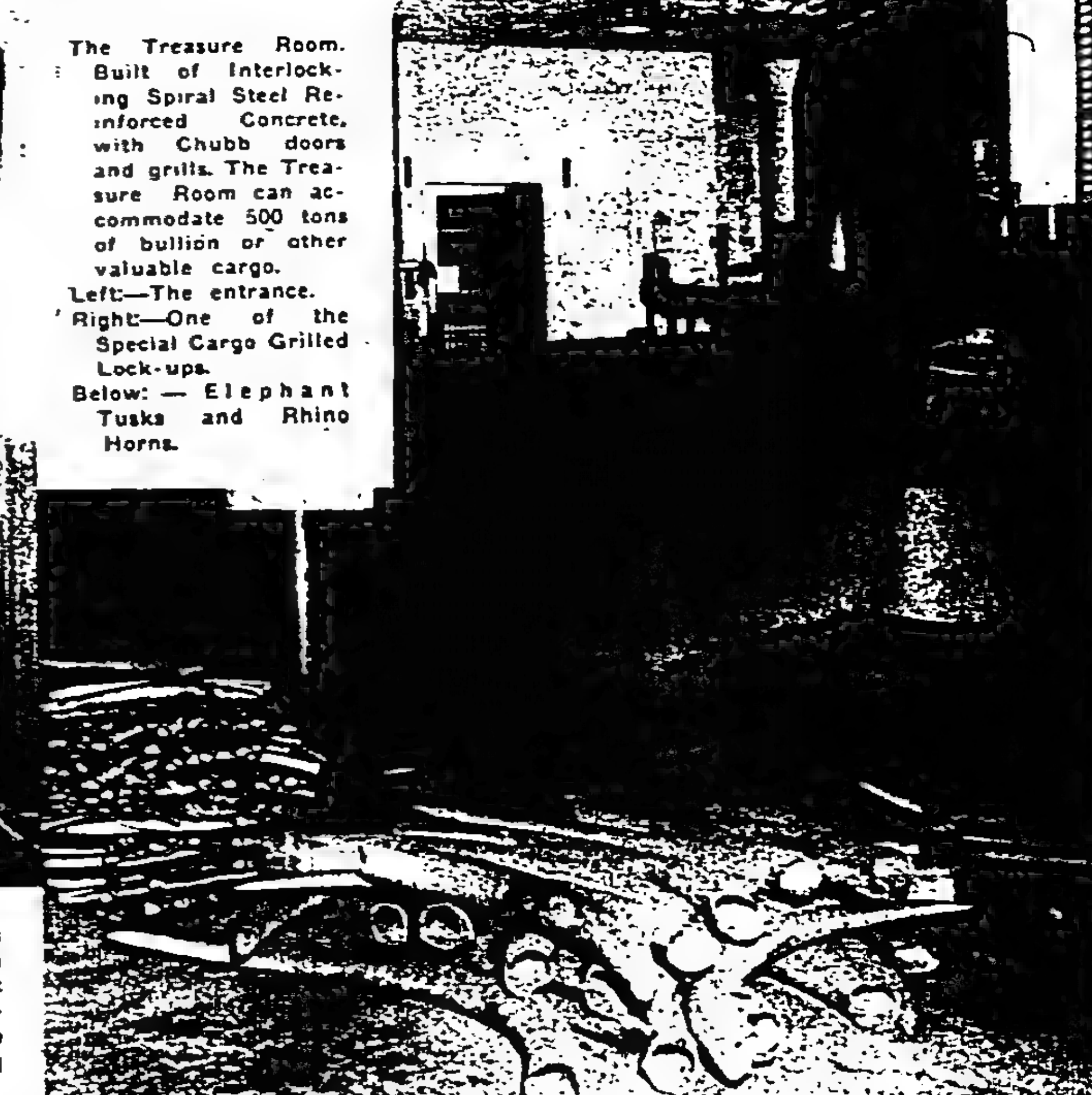
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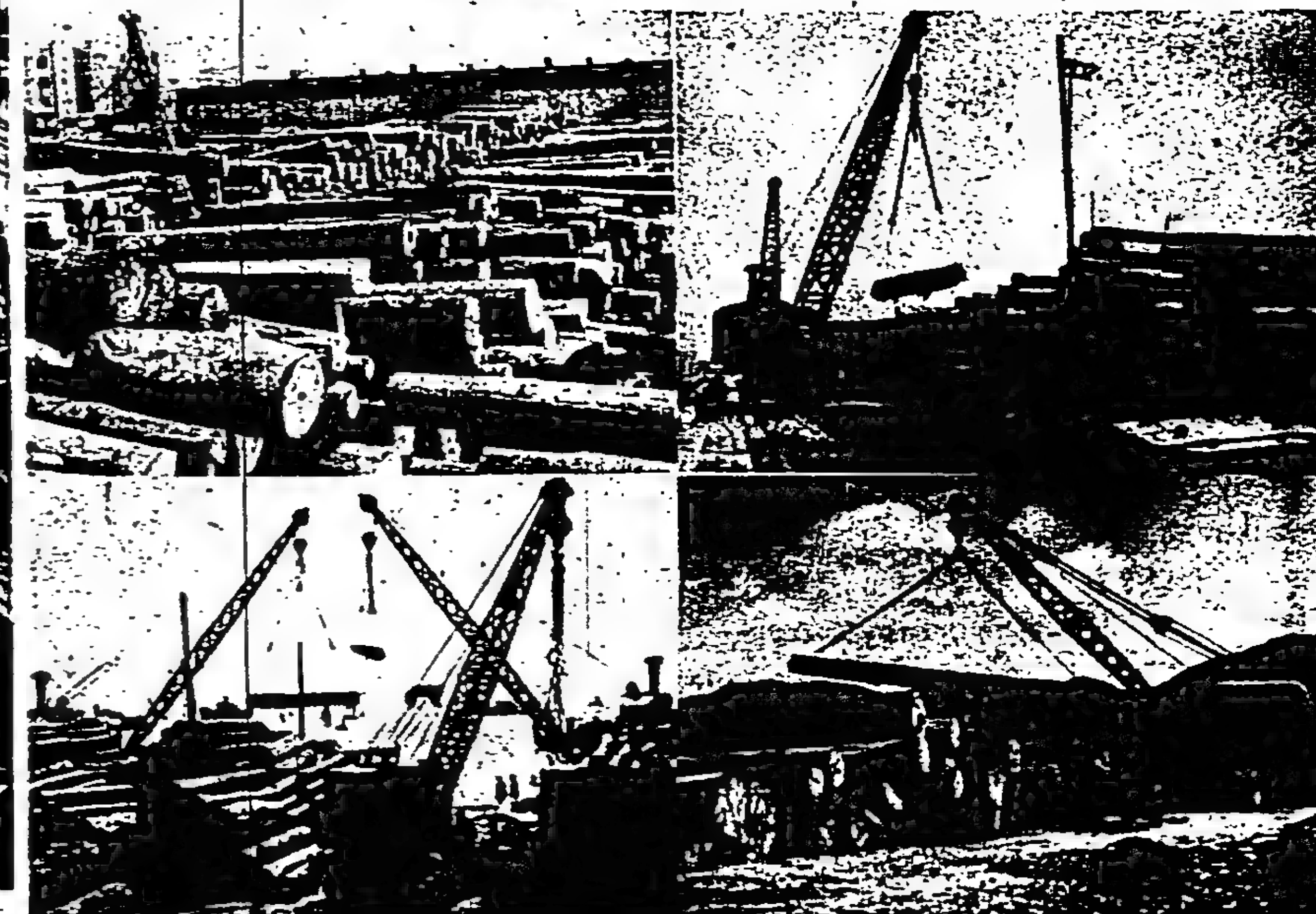
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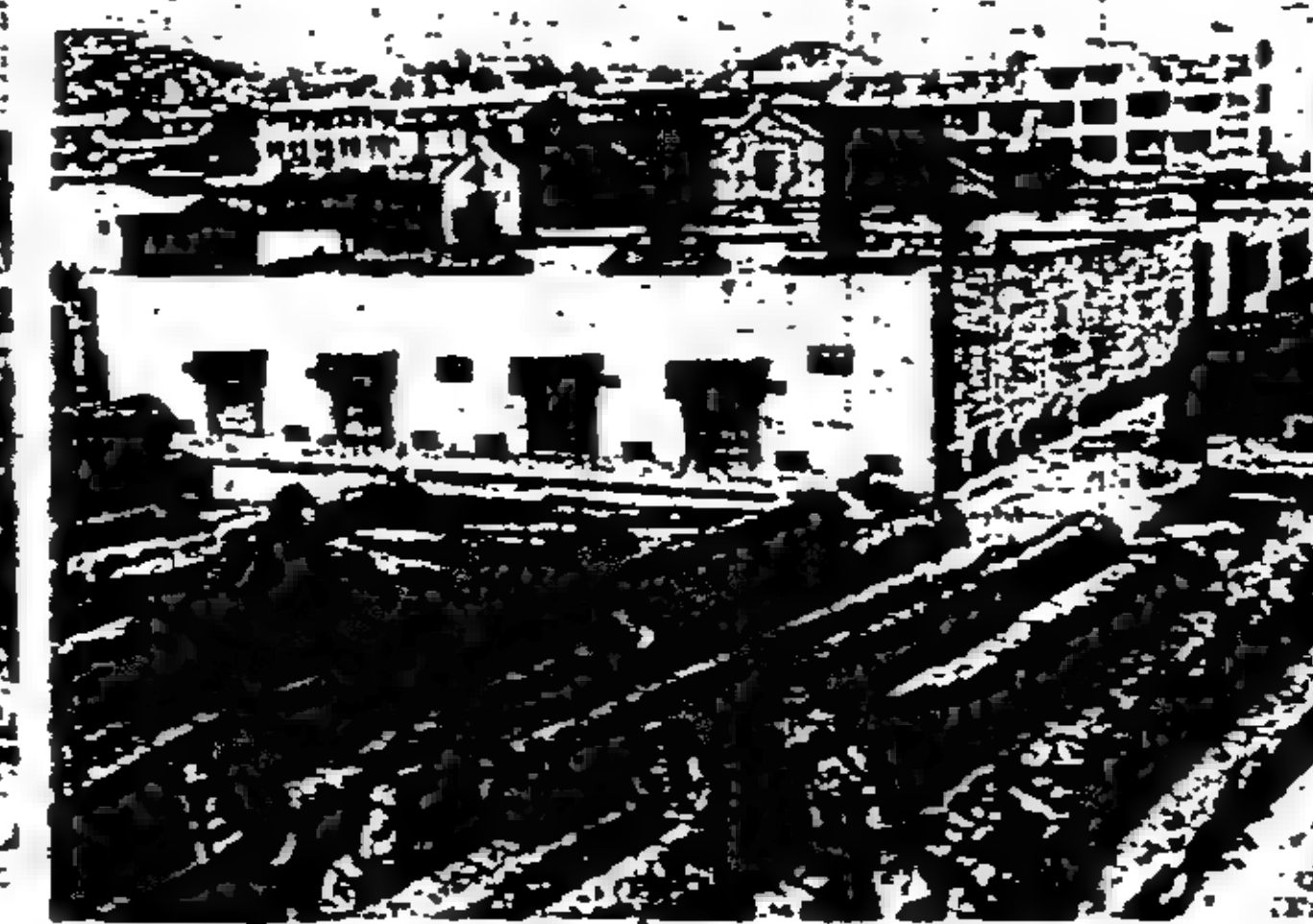
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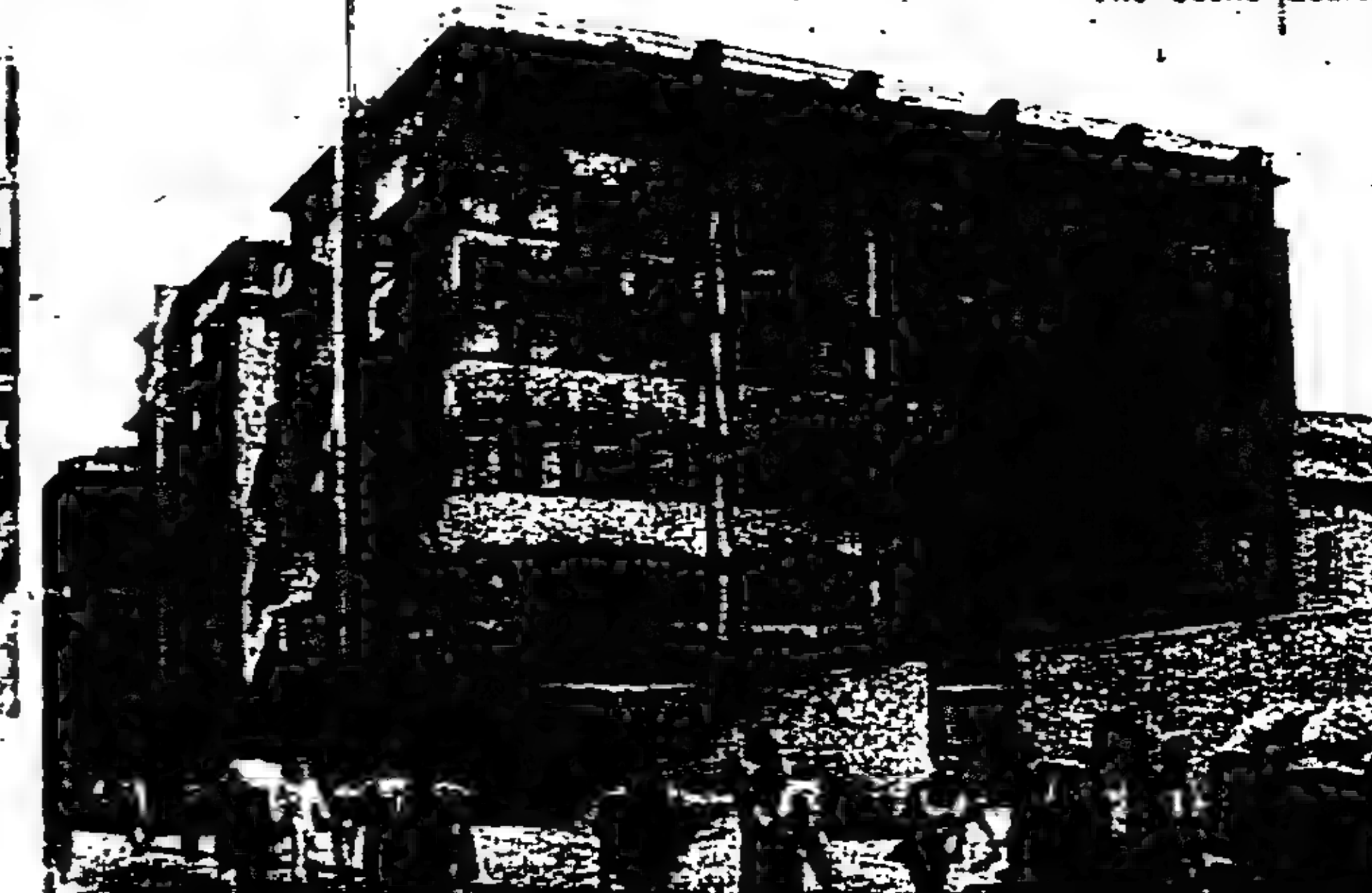
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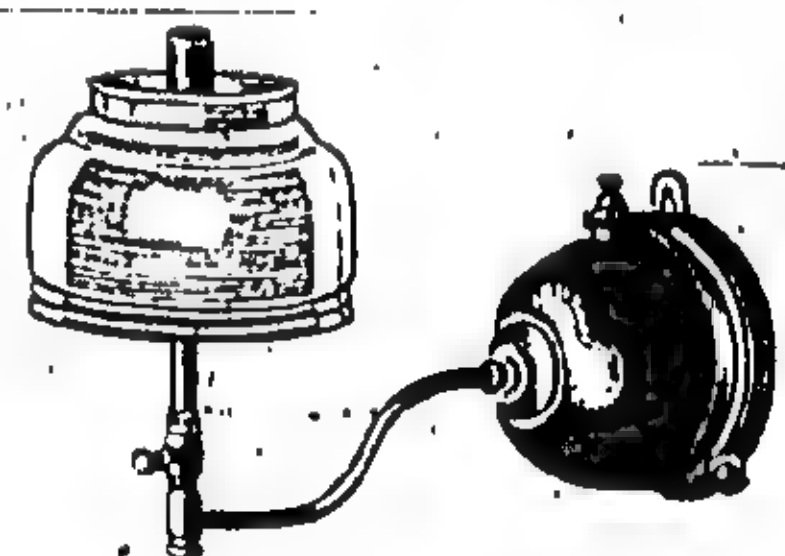
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WAS RUSSIAN COLONEL PLANT TO DISCOVER ESCAPE ROUTE?

Mystery Deeper: Story Of Noisy People In Flat

London, June 7.

The belief grew in informed circles tonight that Colonel Tassoyev was a Soviet secret agent planted in Germany to ferret out secrets of the new "escape to freedom" route for dissatisfied Russian officers and officials.

These sources said that hundreds of high Soviet officials and officers in Germany have come over to the Western Allies in recent months. Only one—Tassoyev—has asked to be returned to the Soviets. He headed the Soviet reparations mission to Bremen.

Tass said on Sunday that British Military Intelligence agents kidnapped Tassoyev, brought him to a London apartment and beat him repeatedly in an attempt to get him to turn against the Soviet Government.

The Foreign Office ridiculed the Tass story. It said that Tassoyev was flown to London from the British zone of Germany in late April and was returned to Germany nearly a month later, both at his own request. Tassoyev was not maltreated in any way, the spokesman said.

If Tassoyev had been beaten the spokesman said, it is strange that there has been no formal diplomatic protest from Russia. In fact he said there has been no diplomatic communication at all from Russia about Tassoyev.

Mrs. Wiggins

Even the Communist Daily Worker did not accept the Tass account without question. Its headline on the story said: "Did MI 6 (Military Intelligence) kidnap the Soviet Colonel?"

But the Tass story contained just enough facts to set tongues wagging about what did happen during Tassoyev's month in Britain.

The London address to which Tass said Tassoyev was taken—10 to 23 Bishop Kings Road—contains an apartment sub let to the War Office Military Intelligence.

The housekeeper there was a Mrs. Wiggins who was named in the Tass broadcast and she had a daughter named Betty whom Tass said was a Military Intelligence employee. Both left the apartment soon after Tassoyev's reported departure.

Very Noisy

The occupant of the apartment immediately below the War Office apartment was an Australian woman named Bochenek who told newsmen that the men who used the upstairs rooms were "very noisy."

Miss Bochenek said: "At night it seemed as if they were throwing furniture about. At

times we could hear loud voices and thuds and bumps as if they were fighting among themselves."

But Mrs. Margaret Porter, who occupied the apartment immediately above the War Office flat, said she had heard neither shouting nor any other abnormal noises from below during the past month.

Several doormen at Olympia recalled that a man created a disturbance in the hall early in May shouting in a foreign language. They said that the police took him away. Scotland Yard refused to comment.

Tass failed to explain why Tassoyev ran into the crowded exhibition hall shouting for the Soviet Ambassador when he could have entered any nearby and asked to be taken to the Soviet Embassy.—United Press.

LOANS AVAILABLE --ON CONDITIONS

Ootacamund, June 7.

Dr. Henry Grady, retiring American Ambassador to India, said American capital is available "if wanted" to help develop Asiatic and Far Eastern countries.

He told the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that "conditions must be favourable for sound loans, just as they must be for direct investment in enterprise."

Grady is chief American delegate to the Commission and has been named U.S. Ambassador to Greece.

He said loans are available from:

- 1-Individual banks or groups of banks in capital-exporting countries.
- 2-The World Bank.
- 3-U.S. Export and Import Bank.
- 4-In some cases from the U.S. Congress.

LEFT WINGERS CALL FOR COOPERATION

Warsaw, June 7.

Left Wing Socialists from six countries today called upon all European countries to cooperate in making full and rational use of American credits for European recovery.

STERLING BALANCES STRATEGY

London, June 7.

It was presumed in London tonight that the negotiations between Sir Stafford Cripps and the Indian and Pakistan Finance Ministers, which started today, would be concerned with the major strategy of the sterling balances.

Practical questions, such as the price to be paid for the British Government's surplus property in India and Pakistan, and the rate for funding the sterling pensions, may in fact be the most important part of the current series of talks.

But such matters are essentially practical, rather than strategic. Though the Chancellor and the two Finance Ministers would doubtless know all about them, they would naturally be negotiated at the technical level (among various officials) and then "reported" to the Chancellors and the Finance Ministers for their final decision, rather than being negotiated in detail at the Ministerial level.—Reuter.

LOAN FOR THE EAST INDIES?

The Hague, June 7. A Government spokesman said today the Netherlands is seeking a US\$400,000,000 loan from the US for the Netherlands East Indies. Dollar proceeds from Banks Island tin would secure the advance.

J. E. van Hoogstraten, head of

the Indies Department for Economic Affairs, discussed the loan recently in Washington.

The Netherlands East Indies government has a 5% interest in the Banks tin mines. The Billiton Company owns the mining.

Associated Press.

Ship Hits Iceberg

St. John's, New.

The Danish steamer Nevada (7,176 tons) limped into St. John's last night with extensive damage to her hull just above the waterline after colliding with an iceberg 32 miles northeast of St. John's yesterday.

None of the crew was injured.—Reuter.

SWEDISH MUSTANGS IN KENT

West Malling, Kent, June 7.

Thirteen Mustang planes of the Swedish Air Force, on a goodwill mission to Britain, landed at West Malling this afternoon in brilliant sunshine. Royal Air Force officers who gathered at the airfield to greet the visitors spoke of the excellence of their formation flying.

Major General Ljungdahl, Chief of the Swedish Fighter Command, was the first to land. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Tedder, Chief of the Royal Air Force, and Mr. Eric Boheman, the Swedish Ambassador, greeted him.

A hand played the Swedish national anthem while an inspection of a guard of honour was made.—Reuter.

XUAN RESCINDS CABINET DECREE

Paris, June 7.

General Nguyen Van Xuan, the Premier of the Central Vietnam Government, has rescinded the ordinance published during the week-end establishing a new governmental and administrative structure for Vietnam, the French press agency reported today from Saigon.

The ordinance would be replaced later by others modifying its terms in several respects, the agency said.

The ordinance called for the election of a national Constituent Assembly as soon as circumstances permitted, and set forth the future administrative structure of General Xuan's Government.

Under the ordinance, the Central Government would have been assisted by a Privy Council, a provisional National Assembly and a mixed Council representing Vietnam's various economic interests.—Reuter.

Questions No Longer Taboo

London, June 7.

Members of Parliament are to have greater latitude to question Ministers in the House of Commons about the running of nationalised industries.

Hitherto, the Government has been reluctant to answer these questions on the ground that the National Boards in charge of industries should be protected from criticisms of minor day-to-day affairs.

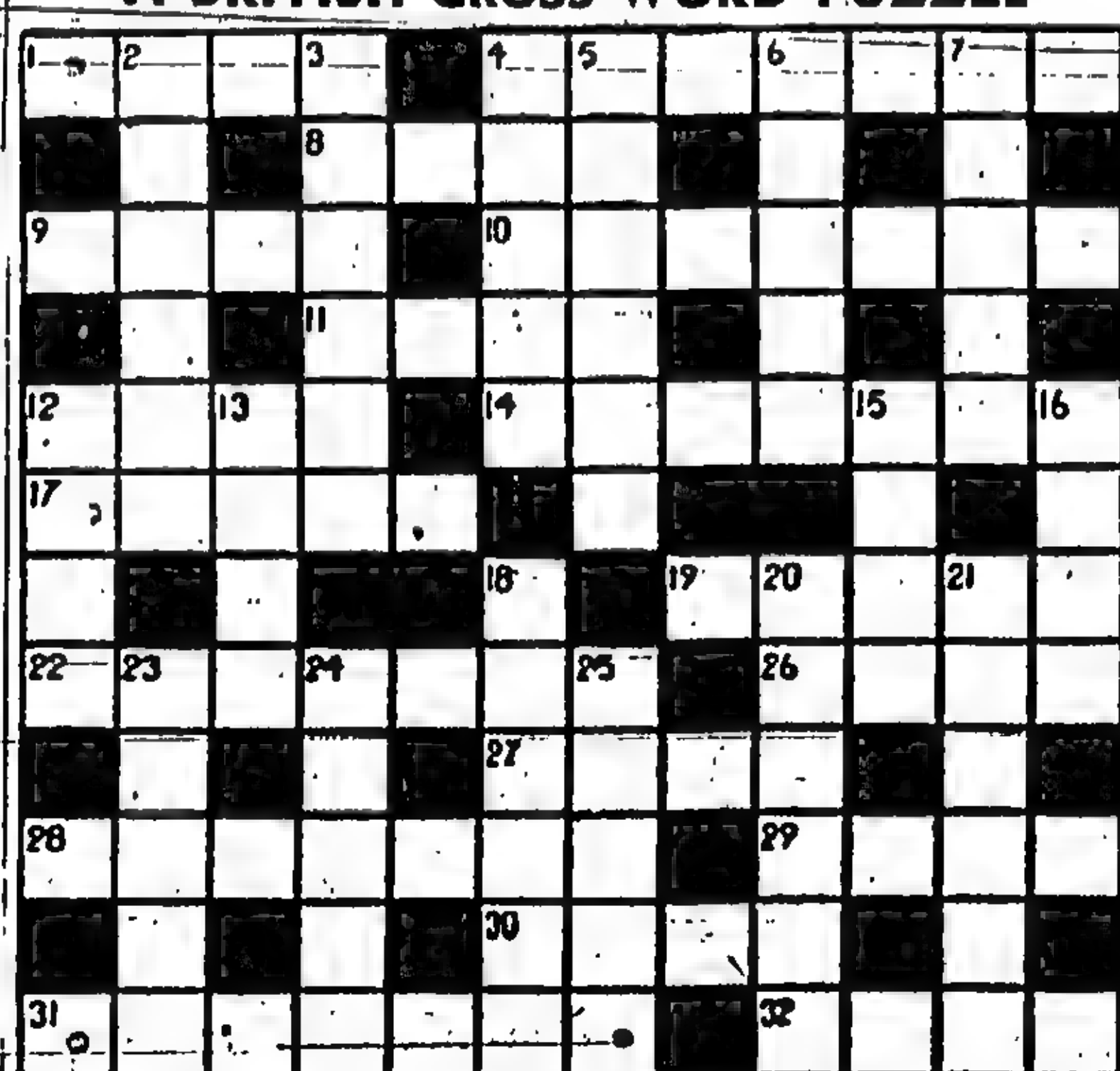
The Speaker of the House of Commons, Colonel Clifton-Brown, has also barred questions under a rule of the House because they asked about matters outside Ministerial responsibility.

The Opposition has felt that Ministers ought to accept responsibility and answer such questions as, for instance, why there was a breakdown in the electricity supply last week, resulting in several countries being without electricity for some hours.

Today, the Speaker suggested that he should be given discretion to decide which questions were of sufficient public importance to be put to a Minister.

The House agreed to give this new procedure a trial.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Additional.
- 4 Attack.
- 8 Come to a stop.
- 10 Couch.
- 10 Oriental headresses.
- 11 Harvest.
- 12 Secure.
- 14 Regular action.
- 17 Fissure.
- 19 Urge.
- 20 Anno.
- 22 Way out.
- 27 Measure.
- 28 Judgment.
- 29 Discover.
- 30 Volume.
- 31 Bunch.
- 32 Part.

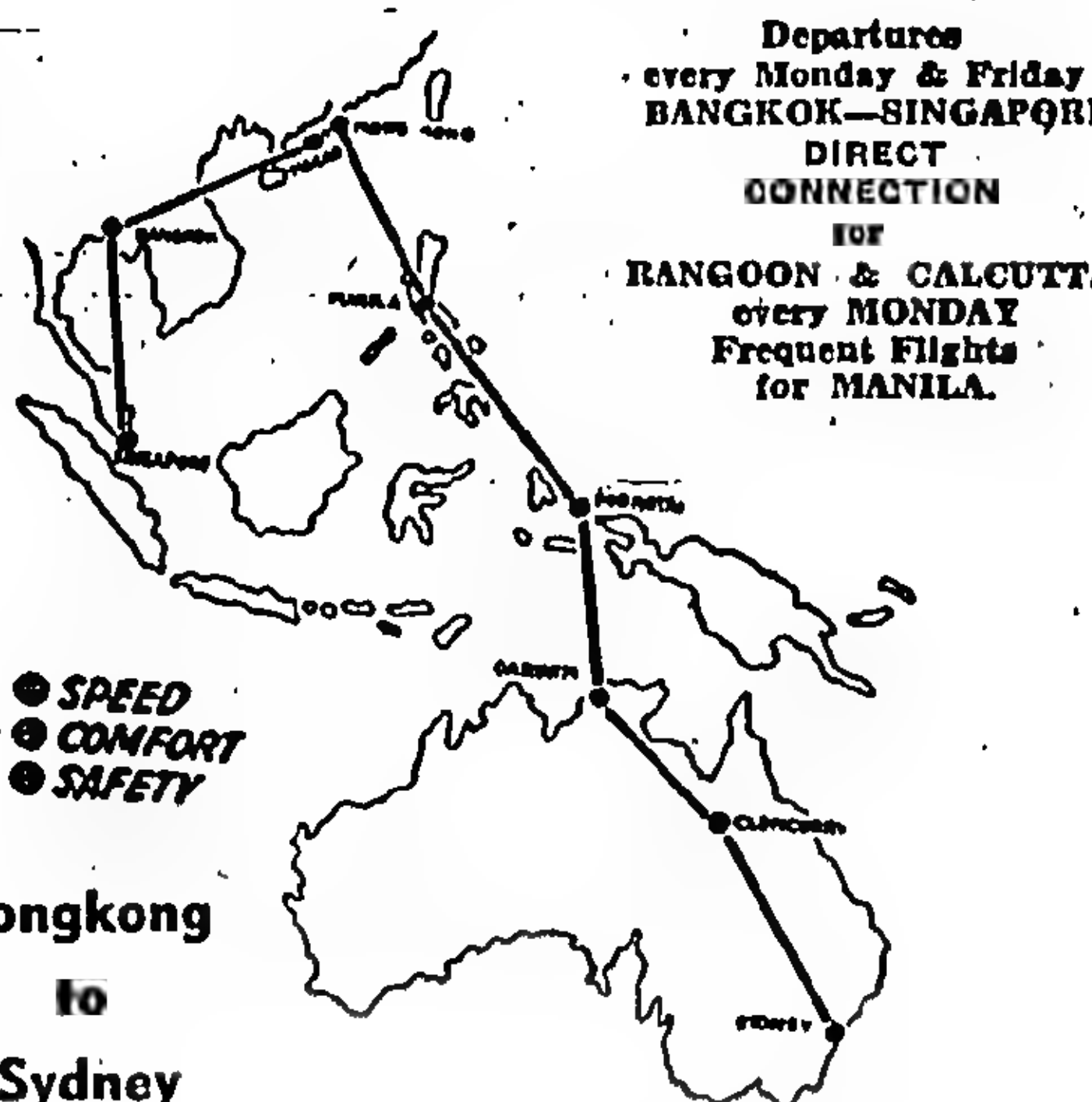
Clues Down

- 2 Bath accessory.
- 3 Appointments.
- 4 Church table.
- 5 Corn.
- 6 Precincts.
- 7 Material.
- 12 Scrutinise.
- 13 Rapid.
- 15 Mountain goat.
- 16 Formerly.
- 18 Distant.
- 20 Jacket.
- 21 Outland.
- 22 Ing.
- 23 Out.
- 24 Colours.
- 25 Spanish title.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1 Method, 5 Doubt, 8 Defer, 9 Helix, 10 Slant, 11 Sprig, 12 Host, 13 Risks, 14 Silent, 15 Adored, 20 Tenon, 22 Fleece, 23 Caste, 25 Audit, 26 Ease.
- Down—1 Merchant, 2 Talker, 3 Odes, 4 Despair, 5 Desired, 6 Origin, 7 Break, 14 Stalwart, 15 Stressed, 16 Sonatas, 17 Leather, 19 Doilies, 21 Elude, 24 Ease.

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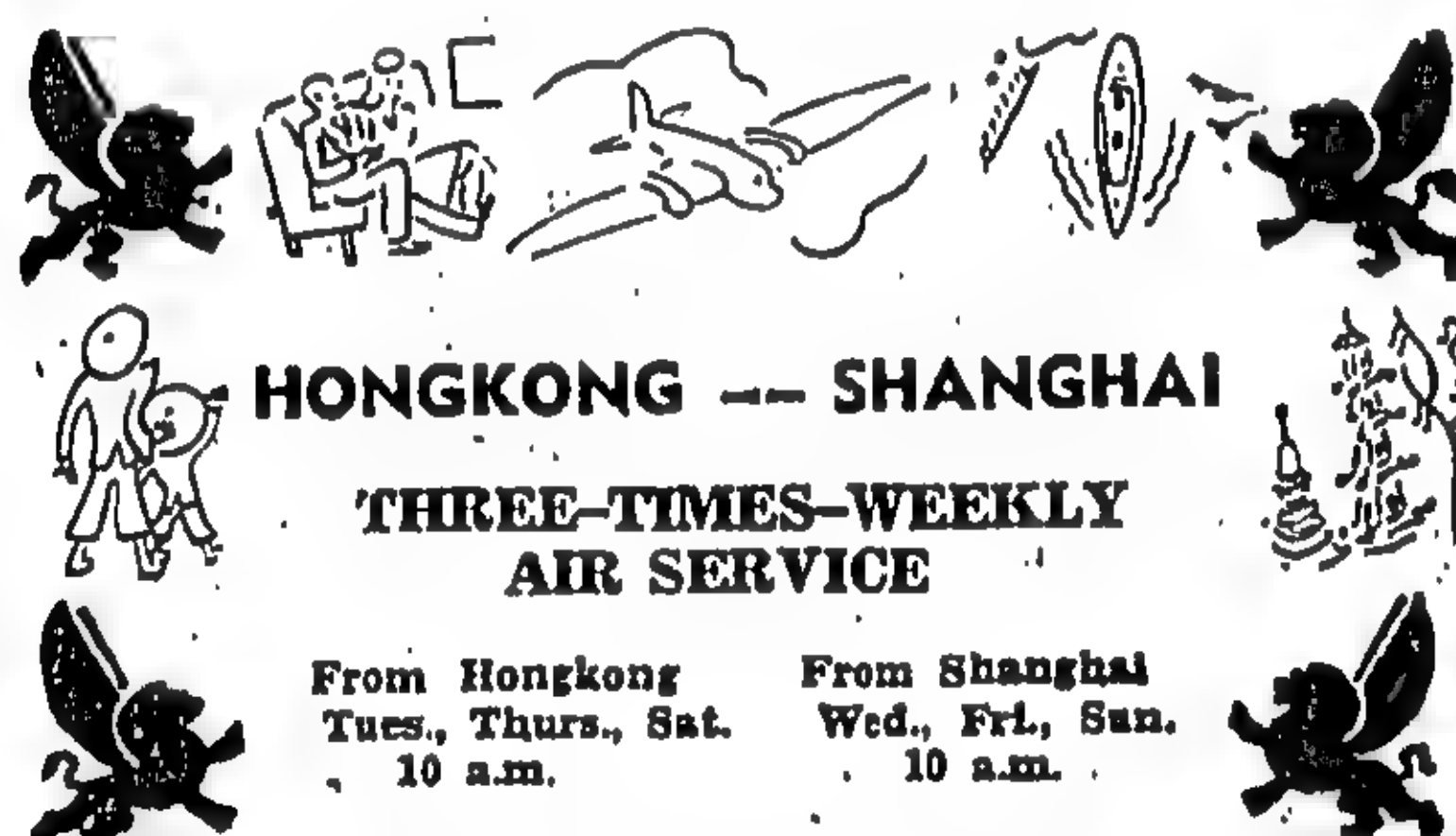
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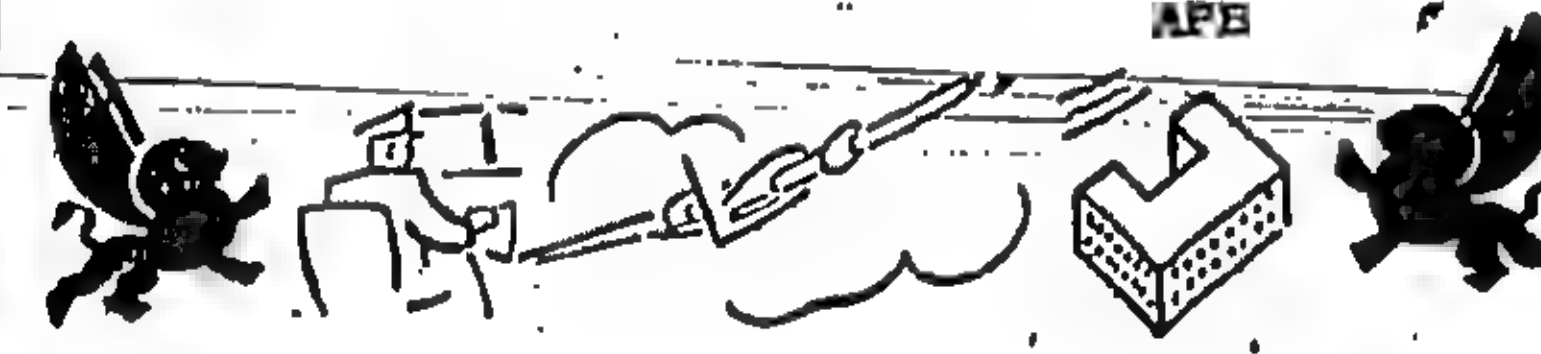
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Woman Today A FAMOUS ARTIST CREATED THE "GIBSON GIRL"

The Gibson Girl came from the pen of Charles Dana Gibson, and his inspiration was his very beautiful and famous wife, Irene Langhorne.

Her picture was inscribed on plates, cushions, trays and postcards. She gave her name to women's clothes. She transformed their figures, pastimes and outlook. She was epitomised and parodied on the stage and in the new-fangled moving pictures. She became a greater influence on her time than all the film stars of today put together.

Stage And Song
"The Belle of Mayfair" was produced in 1906 by H. E. Brook-

field and Cosmo Hamilton. Sang the chorus gaily:
"Why do they call me a Gibson Girl,
Gibson Girl, Gibson Girl?
What is the matter with Mister Ibsen?
Why Dana Gibson!
Wear a blank expression and a monarchical curl
And walk around with a bend in your back.
Then they call you a Gibson Girl!"

HEAVY FABRICS IN COCKTAIL GOWNS

Russell makes the most of a slim, flowing princess line, adding a band of braid, complete with bobbles, to the shoulder to act as incipient sleeves.

Mattill, on the other hand, plays tricks with his material. He adds a turned up hem to the skirt, drapes the bodice, puts more draping on the very low curved décolletage in front, and then puts stiff cuffs to the three-quarter sleeves.

Victor Stibel presents in his collection one of the most attractive dinner dresses seen for years. Superb elegance is in every line of this gown in chestnut coloured satin, with its full effect outlined in white beaded embroidery.

Evening wear is divided today into three categories, the formal evening gown, the dinner dress with short or long sleeves and long or short length skirt, and the cocktail dress with the skirt "11" from the ground, a high or low décolletage, and sleeves of varying lengths.

Inside this framework, there are no rules. For the cocktail dress materials are better if they are heavy and stiff, and grosgrain or faille are two fabrics which have been made much of both by Peter Russell and Mattill—the latter the latest member to be elected to the Society of London Fashion Designers.

Waistline pinch with a Cinch

By Carolyn Earle

Revival of the feminine waist for the "new look" and the "newer look" continues to provoke discussion on the corsets, bras, and girdles necessary to round out the current fashionable contours.

Some waistline whittlers, dubbed variously cinch, nipper, and waist away, narrow you in as much as two inches at the middle.

Medical opinion seems divided on the actual danger to health in the latest foundation garments. Overseas manufacturers of the corset, are looking to prove that the feminine middle is not unduly pinched or unnaturally compressed by their products.

They say women would not suffer the inconvenience and discomfort of such a proceeding, and that the cinch belt merely eases the flesh gently around into the most becoming contour.

Phase Fade-out
Although willing to meet any demand for these petite garments, the makers feel that they are just a fashion phase, and will one day vanish as quickly as they came, leaving in possession of the field the real foundations of fashion—the bras, the girdles, and the all-in-ones that can nip a very neat waistline, too.

It was not fashion that put the foundation garment business on the financial map. It was a fine, elastic thread that could be made into a fabric stretching up, down, and across, two-way and one-way stretch, enabling a wearer to bend over without strangling on her girdle.

Cinch And Science
An uplifted bosom, a trim midriff, a snug waist, and a rounded hip constituting the immediate feminine goal, manufacturers have scientific nations on hand to help nature out. Newest girdles (as distinct from the cinch belts) rise well above the waist to give a small-waisted look with no bulges.

"We prefer to let clothes complete the illusion of small waists," say foundation manufacturers, who know comfort is always good business.

If you've got to hitch your girdle down every time you get up, it's either because you are wearing a non-stretch fabric or the garment is too short—a common error. Girdles should come two inches below the curve of the buttocks.

Getting into a zipperless or roll-on girdle, with a minimum of contortion and hauling is a matter that requires some explanation. The recommended technique is to turn the garment inside out and upside down; flip the garter edge over to the inside and step in at that end.

Roll Technique
Pull up until the garters are in place and then, with as much nonchalance as is left, reach down, grasp the girdle in both hands firmly, without pushing fingers through the fabric, and roll it up into place. Matching the waistline correctly is the speculation on the strapless, wired bra—to wear or



June Bride



JUNE IS STILL THE traditional month for weddings—for orange blossom and radiant brides. This young wedding gown is of ivory satin, with a short train. It has a new, round neckline, outlined with a soft fill, and long princess sleeves. The short veil is held at the crown with a band of orange blossom. (Worn by Jane Greer, R.K.O. Radio player)

PRINCESS AT HOME

Anne Matheson, London correspondent for the "Australian Women's Weekly," presents this picture of the future home of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Every morning as the traffic roars in from the outskirts to the business centres of London, a car slips out of Kensington Palace, joins the stream of city workers—and—swinging—right down Constitution Hill, the driver drops his wife off at Buckingham Palace.

It is the Duke of Edinburgh on his way to work at the Admiralty, and Princess Elizabeth on her way to the suite in Buckingham Palace which she has turned into an office. By ten o'clock both are at their desks. For Britain's No. 1 Newlyweds have a working partnership... one that keeps them both busy and happy for the eight hours of the day they are separated.

While Philip continues his naval career, Princess Elizabeth gets down to the new and exciting experience of running a home as well as a job. Of being, in fact, a "working wife."

When the week-ends come round they are free-free-to-enjoy the quietness and richness of their first real home, "Windsor Moor," in Surrey. And it is to Windsor they have taken the wedding presents chosen from the many thousands showered on them.

Setting Up House
Princess Elizabeth, with a very small staff and full programme during the week, is finding setting up a house at Windsor Moor a much longer and harder task than she had anticipated.

Nevertheless it is one she is thoroughly enjoying. Having only the week-ends to work on her country home and arrange in her own very individual manner the many lovely presents that are hers and Philip's, the "settling in" has become her relaxation.

Deep cream and duck-egg blue in furnishing taffeta is the overall colour scheme of Princess Elizabeth's rooms. She has furnished the living-rooms in rose and cream. Using nylon in deep rose and gold with a beautiful gold-and-

Then Ziegfeld of Follies fame became interested, and the smash hit of 1907, the song that really did sweep the continent, ran thus:

"Mister Gibson, Mister Gibson, Just give your brush a whirl! And they'll say on the beach, There's a peach, A peach of a Gibson Bathing Girl!"

Gibson himself, became the Dean of American Illustrators. At 25 he was, the most sought-after black and white artist in the United States. One magazine, for example, paid him \$25,000 for a series of 100 drawings.

No Garrot
Success came to him the easy way. He was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1874, and spent his boyhood in Flushing. He took up sculpture and drawing during his early teens, and while at Art School sold a cartoon to a magazine for the American equivalent of £1. Within a year he was a successful commercial artist. "I didn't even have to starve in a garret," he once said.

After contributing for many years, he bought a controlling interest in an American magazine, but dropped it to return to painting once more. In 1930, he turned from black and white work to oils, but although he painted until the day of his death, was never very successful in this medium. His cartoons nearly always depicted the trials of love between young people. The girl in the picture, of course, was always the unmistakable Gibson Girl.

Just before his death at the age of 78, Dana Gibson explained his life-long devotion to the cause of feminine beauty. "When I started I was young and healthy," he said, "and the one thing that's worth drawing when you're young and healthy is a woman."

Or, on his death-bed: "If I had been an oyster, I'd have drawn girl oysters."

SKIRT RENOVATIONS

An economical and simple way to refashion your evening dress is a separate top to tuck into the taffeta skirt. First, see that the waistline of the skirt is well pulled in. If you have sufficient material in the discarded bodice top, make a cummerbund to match the skirt. If you intend wearing the dress for dancing, a fitted, off-the-shoulder top in pink satin would be charming. If it is for a less formal occasion there is charm in the idea of beige lace made with long sleeves and a flared neckline.

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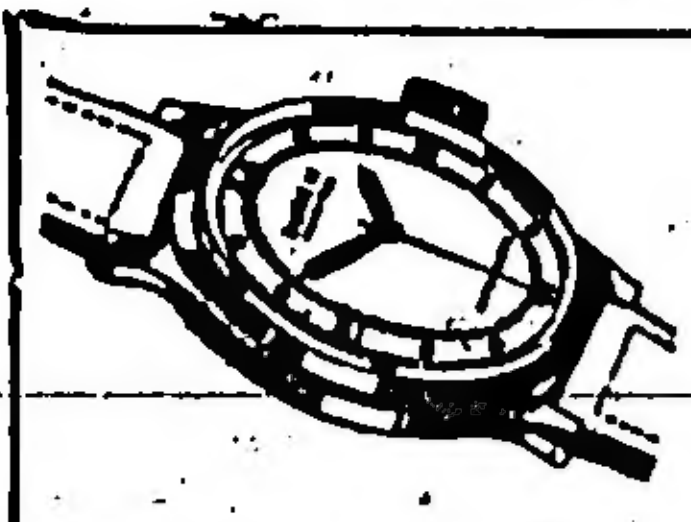
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Palawan Massacre Sequel

Tokyo, June 8. Gen. MacArthur's legal section announced today that it has virtually completed preparations for the trial of two former Japanese generals and 11 others for their parts in the bloody "Palawan massacre" shortly after the American invasion of the Philippines.

Two SCAP legal section investigations left Tokyo for Palawan on Tuesday to make final examination of the alleged massacre at Puerto Princesa where 139 American prisoners of war were tortured, burned, beheaded, bayoneted and machine-gunned to death on December 14, 1944.

The two generals arrested recently in connection with the case were Lt. Gen. Seichi Tanabe, former Commander of the Japanese 2nd Air Division on Negros Island, Philippines, who allegedly ordered the massacre, and Lt. Gen. Kizo Miki, 4th Air Division Commander in Manila, who failed to remove prisoners from subjection to a United States air attack on Palawan.

Only 11 of the 150 American sailors, marines and soldiers involved in the massacre lived to tell the tale.—United Press.

No Ill Effects By Aid Cut

Tokyo, June 8. The rejection of \$150,000,000 economic and rehabilitation aid to Japan by the United States Congress "will not have an extremely serious effect on Japan's national economy," Prime Minister Hiroshi Ashida told the Diet today.

He took this view because "the American Congress has approved the \$424,000,000 relief appropriation for Japan."

Ashida said that the cut in the American aid is unlikely to have any ill effects on the investments of foreign private capital in the country.

The \$424,000,000 is to combat disease in the occupied areas. It includes purchases of petroleum, medicines and needed commodities.

The cancelled \$150,000,000 was for the purchase of industrial raw materials for Japan, the Ryukyus and Korea.

SCAP officials still hope to get part of another \$150 million pending in the so-called Eastland Bill for the purchase of cotton and raw materials.—Associated Press.

RUSH FOR PETROL

Shanghai, June 8. Petrol filling stations here were swamped with motor-cars and trucks this morning, seeking to store up fuel over the rumour of a drastic cut in petrol rations.

Oil company officials, however, are understood to have stated that there is absolutely no reason for the present stampede.

Petrol imports during the month of June remained assured, they said, and no reduction is contemplated.—Reuter.

PRAVDA WOOS INDONESIANS

Moscow, June 8. Pravda, Soviet Communist Party newspaper, declared today that the Indonesian agreement for an exchange of consular officials with Russia was proof of the vitality of the "Indonesian national liberation movement."

It attacked the "United States of Indonesia" which the Dutch and Indonesian authorities have agreed to set up.

The paper accused Holland and the United States of using "unconscionable threats" against the Indonesians in negotiations over the Republic's foreign status now going on in Batavia and Jogjakarta.

In the first Russian comment since the Dutch-Soviet-News Agency briefly announced the signing of the agreement in Prague last month, Pravda said: "The representatives of the United States and Holland are prepared to allow only such foreign relations of the Indonesian Republic as could be controlled by them, but they are not at all inclined to permit relations which would tend to the consolidation of the international position of the Indonesian Republic as a sovereign and independent state."

"Industrial circles in Holland and the United States are using all their efforts to hamper the development of the Indonesian Republic," it said.

Pravda also said that the Indonesian Republic is "a sovereign and independent state" and that the Dutch and American authorities are "prepared to allow only such foreign relations of the Indonesian Republic as could be controlled by them, but they are not at all inclined to permit relations which would tend to the consolidation of the international position of the Indonesian Republic as a sovereign and independent state."

DINGHY RACING DRAWS VERY LARGE TURNOUT

The results of last week's races held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club show a very large turnout for the dinghy races, particularly on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Weather was ideal dinghy weather with east winds and an exhilarating sea reminiscent of March instead of June.

Maritime Strike Threat

San Francisco, June 8. The CIO Marine Engineers walked out on President Truman's fact-finding board last night and announced they would defy attempts to delay the Pacific Coast maritime strike threatened for June 15.

A spokesman for the Engineers Union said the only reason his delegation appeared at the board's first meeting was to emphasize that the union does not recognize its jurisdiction.

Four other maritime unions and two employers' associations continued to take part in the sessions, but the CIO longshore attorney, Richard Gladstein, charged that the hearing was "only a sort of kangaroo court" to hear an unprepared and incomplete union case.

He said the unions received official notice of the hearing only last Saturday while shipowners and waterfront employers had been able to gather evidence carefully through "advance knowledge" that the fact-finding board would be appointed.

Over 200,000 seafaring and waterfront workers are involved in a dispute over union control of hiring halls, wages and hours.—United Press.

Shortage Of Rice

Shanghai, June 8. The price of rice soared today to CN\$8,000,000 a picul, owing to the shortage of rice in the producing areas.

Last week's price of rice hovered around CN\$5,000,000. The financial markets firmed up this afternoon with Chinese and foreign shares touching new record levels. The black market United States dollar, however, remained steady at CN\$1,450,000—the same as yesterday.

Exchange surrender certificates were slightly higher than yesterday with buyers offering CN\$408,000 but there were few sellers.

Exporters holding certificates believe that the premium will rise steadily this week to catch up with the black-market, which is now 80% higher than the price of exchange certificates.—Reuter.

Nicosia, Cyprus, June 8. Jewish would-be immigrants to Palestine interned here began a hunger strike today, it was reliably reported in Nicosia.

The 3,000-strong camp was affected and reports said the strike had spread to the camp at Carafos.—Associated Press.

Proof Of Vitality

The aspirations of the Indonesian people for the establishment of friendly relations with the USSR provides proof of the growth and vitality of this movement.

Reuters reports from Batavia today indicated that the Republican Premier, Dr. Hatta, had replied to a Dutch note—believed to include a complaint about the consular agreement. Dr. Hatta was reliably reported to have invited members of the United Nations good offices committee before replying.

Nothing was known yet of any answer by Dr. Hatta to an invitation from Dr. Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor-General, to come to Batavia for direct talks.

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Birthday Parade Pointers

The following points in connection with the celebration of the King's Birthday tomorrow are notified for public information.

The Parade begins in the Race Course at Happy Valley at 9 a.m. with the arrival of His Excellency the Governor. All spectators are asked to be present by 9:30 a.m. Ticket-holders and members of the Jockey Club will use the main entrance to the Race Course. Jockey Club Members should wear their badges. All others will use the entrance to the Public Enclosure and may pass through to the Members' Enclosure.

All persons present should stand, and gentlemen should remove their hats (except serving officers in uniform who should salute) on the following occasions:—as His Excellency arrives on the parade, while the Union Jack is being lowered, and while the Colours, or in the case of the 25th Field Regiment R.A., the guns, are passing during the march-past. Spectators are not expected to join in the "Three Cheers" given by the troops on parade.

It is also announced that, weather permitting, R.A.F. Sunderlands and Mosquitos will fly over the parade diving to a height of about 300 feet from the direction of Wong Nei Chong Gap.

Braves Wallop Chicago Cubs

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Catcher Phil Masi also homered for the Braves, in the fifth with none on. Boston outfelder Tommy Holmes failed to hit safely for the first time in 17 straight games.

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PI Swimmers To Meet HK

Manila, June 8. The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation's Secretary, Dr. Rogelio Ylanan today announced that a Manila swimming team will go to Hong Kong in September next.

Arrangements have been made with the Victoria Recreation Club there for an interport swimming meet.—Reuter.

Address On China's Postage

Mr. Chu Cheng-sing, supervisor of China's four Government Banks in Hong Kong, gave a talk yesterday to Hong Kong Rotary on China's postage stamps and their reflex of Chinese history.

The speaker, an ex-official of China's Postal Service, traced the origin of designs on postage stamps to events in China's history extending over thousands of years.

Col. E.J.R. Mitchell, on behalf of Hong Kong Rotary, thanked the speaker for his talk.

President Dr. F.I. Tseung welcomed Visiting Rotarians George Kadoorie from Shanghai and C.F. Wood from Kowloon.

Guests present were Messrs. U.H. Blake, J.W. Jacobson, D. H. Benham, A.W. Greive, F.W.A. Wood, John Blitt, C. d'Almeida, Castro, Albert Lau, Stephen K.H. Wong and Kwan Wai-nung.

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BRADMAN AND MORRIS HAVE PRACTICE KNOCKS IN SUSSEX GAME

Hove, June 7. The Australian tourists today beat Sussex by an innings and 325 runs. They scored 549 runs for five wickets declared and dismissed Sussex in their second innings for 138.

Although the Australians began the day 168 runs ahead, Bradman decided to continue their first innings and with Arthur Morris enjoyed excellent practice knocks in readiness for the Nottingham Test when they resumed their batting partnership.

The Australian captain was in his brightest mood in scoring his fourth century of the tour. He drove and pulled with tremendous power.

Morris too, after a slow start, hit out and although Sussex tied four bowlers, they could not conquer the enterprising Australian pair.

Smart Catch

The partnership had reached 189 when James made a smart catch and ended Morris' long innings. He had hit 26 fours during his stay of four hours. Bradman followed soon afterwards, losing his leg stump when hitting out. His 100 took only two hours and five minutes and included 12 fours.

Lindwall was given a chance to get in some practice for the Test. He drove and cut magnificently in making 57 before being caught. The Australians did not declare and lunch was taken with the Australians 461 for four wickets.

The batsmen continued on top after lunch, adding 96 for the fifth wicket before Hamence was leg before. Hamence having reached his hundred, Bradman applied the closure, setting Sussex to get 463 to save an innings defeat.

The county made another disastrous start and in the hour before tea had lost three men before only 32 runs. From the second ball delivered, John Langridge was held behind the wicket and with only two runs scored, C. Onkes was clean bowled in the same over by Lindwall.

McCool fielded as substitute for Loxton who had hurt his thigh and at 24 caught George Cox.

GIVES HIS LAST SHIP TO CHARITY

Shanghai, June 8. A shipping magnate ruined by the war and who plans to enter the Hangchow monastery to become a Buddhist monk, has disposed of his last mundane possessions—a steamship which he gave to charity.

Wang Chung-yi, who lost his family and property during the war and who had been living in poverty in a shabby attic here was only recently traced as the owner of the steamer "Hsinan" valued at US\$100,000. The Hsinan was one of five Chinese ships recovered by SCAP and the Chinese Mission in Tokyo from hundreds seized by the Japanese.

The Hsinan was sent to China months ago but its owner could not be found. The ship was then operated by the China Merchants Steam and Navigation Company.

Wang in wartime embraced Buddhism and when he was finally located he re-entered business to try to recoup his losses with the ship as a starter.

Wang decided to continue his studies for the priesthood. In a brief ceremony here yesterday, he decided the ship over to the Yingshi charity fund, surrendering all claims to the vessel unconditionally.

Pre-war, Wang's firm owned a fleet of five ships.—United Press.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cowes, June 7. Leading almost from the start, the Belgian yacht L'Alage, owned by M. L. Haydt and Collin Franck, today won the six metre international class conducted by the Royal London Yacht Club—Associated Press.

London, June 7. Two Indian players, Dillip Bose and Narendra Nath, entered the second round of the men's singles in the Kent lawn tennis championships, which began at Beckenham today.

Bose beat C. Bak, 6-1, 6-2, and Nath beat R. Mansell, 7-5, 6-2. Gardnar Mulloy, America's No. 3 player, is seeded No. 1 for the event. Other leading players entered are Frank Sedgman, of Australia, and E. Moren and A. Russell, of Argentina. All won their opening matches.—Reuter.

London, June 7. A Richardson, one of the most experienced of British lightweight jockeys, has left England for Ceylon, where he will ride as first jockey for Sir Oliver Connolly.—Reuter.

Birmingham, June 7. W. H. Carr, the King's jockey, broke a leg at the races here today when his mount, Monjon, crashed into the rails 300 yards from the finishing post in the Coronation Selling Handicap.—Reuter.

Copenhagen, June 7. Portsmouth and the Danish national football team shared two goals each before a crowd of 35,000 at Copenhagen Stadium tonight. The half-time score was one all.—Associated Press.

London, June 7. Jack Solomons, the British boxing promoter, arrived in New York in the Queen Mary today to seek the "best" American fighters available for "British Ring" bouts.

Solomons told reporters that he hoped to get the U.S. lightweight champion, Ike Williams, for a fight in England with Billy Thompson, British and European lightweight champion.

He said he would also try to get the U.S. welterweight champion, Ray Robinson, as well as some good American heavyweight boxers to meet the British champion, Bruce Woodcock.

Thompson and Erickson, the British lightweight, arrived with Solomons.—Associated Press.

Goods For Russia Held Up

Washington, June 8. Some US\$21,000,000 worth of Soviet orders for American goods has been tied up by the virtual ban on industrial shipments to Russia clamped down on March 1. Officials gave this estimate today as Secretary of Commerce Sawyer prepared to lift some of the recovery over what goods can and what cannot be sold to Russia under the new trade policy.

Sawyer was expected to disclose at a news conference that items his department has been licensing for export to Russia since March. This would be, in effect, the first official list of goods which U.S. businessmen can "safely" accept Russian orders in the future.

Previously almost the only official guidance they had was that no goods could be exported which "might contribute to the war potential" of the Soviet bloc. Indirectly, through Sawyer's announcement on May 26 of an exception in Finland's case it has been made clear that the ban definitely applies to machines, tools, power generators, parts, and many steel products.

The secret list of goods falling inside and outside the ban has been drafted by an inter-agency committee representing the Commerce and State Departments and the military forces.—Associated Press.

WU STARTS TAX CAMPAIGN

Shanghai, June 8. The Committee in charge of the "seek the rich" special relief tax announced today that it had received thus far CN\$500,000,000 which Mayor K. C. Wu voluntarily contributed to start off the campaign.

The money represented Madame Wu's art exhibit held in Manila and other places. The Committee said it had no received a cent more.

Shanghai's quota is CN\$8,500,000,000—US\$600,000—at the black market rate. The Committee announced June 10 as the deadline after which sterner measures will be taken to make Shanghai's wealthy families contribute their share.—United Press.

CHINA'S PUZZLE

Shanghai, June 8. American medical experts will leave for Chungking shortly to tackle China's latest puzzle—a girl who claims she has not eaten for nine years.

The girl, Miss Yang Mei, showed no ill effects in her fast. Miss Yang, now 20 years old, said that she has lost all desire to eat since she ate something like a bull nine years ago.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

London, June 7. Close of play scores in county cricket matches today:

At Manchester: Lancashire beat Nottinghamshire by an innings and 55 runs. Nottinghamshire 55 and 120 (Roberts five for 39). Lancashire 222 for 39 declared.

At Rushden: Worcestershire beat Northamptonshire by an innings and 41 runs: Worcestershire 261. Northamptonshire 71 (Howarth five for 35, Perks four for 25) and 149 (Childs four for 25) and 149 (Childs four for 25).

At Lord's: Yorkshire 802 (Watson not out 92), Middlesex 188 (Denis Compton 59) and 63 for four.

At Ilford: Surrey 469 (Fletcher 107, Fletcher 76, Squires 74, Parker 47, McIntyre 66). Essex 271 and 139 for 0.

At Ilkeston: Derbyshire beat Somerset by 11 runs. Derbyshire 118 and 122 (Hazzell seven for 35), Somerset 119 and 110 (Pope five for 40).

At Gloucester: Hampshire 359 and 169 for eight. Gloucestershire 114 (Bailley four for 49, Knott four for 20).

At Gravesend: Glamorgan 484 (Jones 207, Kent 161 and 163 for three (Fagg 76)).

At Birmingham: Leicestershire 78 and 119 (Priestland five for 47, Hollies four for 40). Warwickshire 144 (Dollery 57, Jackson five for 58).

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